



Project
First Impression
Lawrence County, OH

Community Cleanup & Beautification Grant Program

Individuals, civic organizations, neighborhood/community groups, and schools are encouraged to collaborate and apply for grant funds to plan, organize and implement litter reduction, and/or beautification projects in each township of Lawrence County, Ohio.

Requests may be awarded a maximum of \$500 per event, not to exceed two disbursements per calendar year; per township, village or municipal area. These funds are offered to support the planning and implementation of projects that physically enhance the beauty of each pocket of Lawrence County. Project examples include litter collection, illegal dumpsite remediation, neighborhood plantings (community garden, tree/flowers) , and other community enhancement, beautification, or clean-up projects. Projects that promote sustainability, community collaboration, and leadership are encouraged. The goal of this program is for community members to meet and work together to further beautify Lawrence County.

Funding Eligibility:

All Lawrence County neighborhood, community, and student groups/organizations/associations are welcome to apply for funds through the **PROJECT FIRST IMPRESSION Community Beautification Grant Program**. All applications must encourage inclusive neighborhood or group participation. Projects must be undertaken within the geographic boundaries of Lawrence County.

All applicants must demonstrate that their project or activity will:

Focus on litter collection, cleanup and/or beautifying; creating engaging places.

Generate a public benefit in an inclusive and cooperative manner.

Involve members of the community in the project.

Abide by all local, state and federal laws and regulations.

All applicants must agree to the following guidelines:

Applicants are asked to match awarded contributions with volunteer hours and other in-kind contributions displaying a collaborative effort.

Applicants must submit project photos to the Lawrence County Commissioners office for record, and by doing so give permission to Lawrence County outlets to use and publish photographs for the purpose of awareness and promotion without compensation.

Applicants that fail to undertake projects as outlined in submitted applications may be eliminated from consideration for future funding opportunities.

Project Examples - Litter Reduction (community cleanup event) , Illegal Dumpsite Remediation, Beautification, community garden), Invasive Species Removal and Graffiti Removal.

Ineligible Applicants and Activities

Funds will NOT be awarded to/for:

- Government agencies, political or partisan groups, and non-Lawrence County based groups.
- Applicants who fail to document a community contribution, will not be considered for future funds.
- Applicants who fail to successfully carry out or maintain a project for which funds were previously awarded.
- Anything that could be construed as a private benefit to an individual or organization (private property).
- Political organizing, advocacy, or election related activities.
- Programs that discriminate against any group.

Funds must NOT be used to:

- Pay for the applicants operating expenses that are not directly related to the project for which the reimbursement is awarded.
- Pay for expenditures or financial commitments made before the organization's application was submitted.
- Purchase computers, digital cameras, video cameras or other portable electronic equipment.
- Purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Evaluation

Each application will be evaluated by the Lawrence County Commissioners & staff based on the above requirements, and the following evaluation criteria:

Objective- Corresponds with the objective to address at least one of the three areas of sustainability (environment, economic, social).

Description and Benefit- Provides a clear description of what the project is and why it is proposed. Provides a clear description of why funds are being sought. Provides a clear public benefit by outlining how the community will be improved as a result of the project, with anticipated outcomes clearly documented.

Community Participation and Impact- Community contribution is documented, demonstrating broad community participation and support. Encourages inclusive community participation and provides opportunity to bring people together. Encourages interaction between different groups, such as different cultural groups, age groups, etc.

Planning and Design- Has a realistic timeline and clear goals. Designed for low maintenance and the applicant and stakeholders commitment to project maintenance completed by volunteers.

Consent and Understanding

This agreement contains a complete and integrated understanding of the agreement between parties and supersedes any understandings, agreement, or negotiations, whether oral or written, not set forth herein or in written amendments hereto duly executed by all parties.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Witness-Lawrence County Commissioners _____ Date _____

PROJECT FIRST IMPRESSION
Community Cleanup & Beautification Grant Application Form

INFORMATION

Group Name: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

Address for Grant Award: _____

Contact Number: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Area Served: _____

Organization information

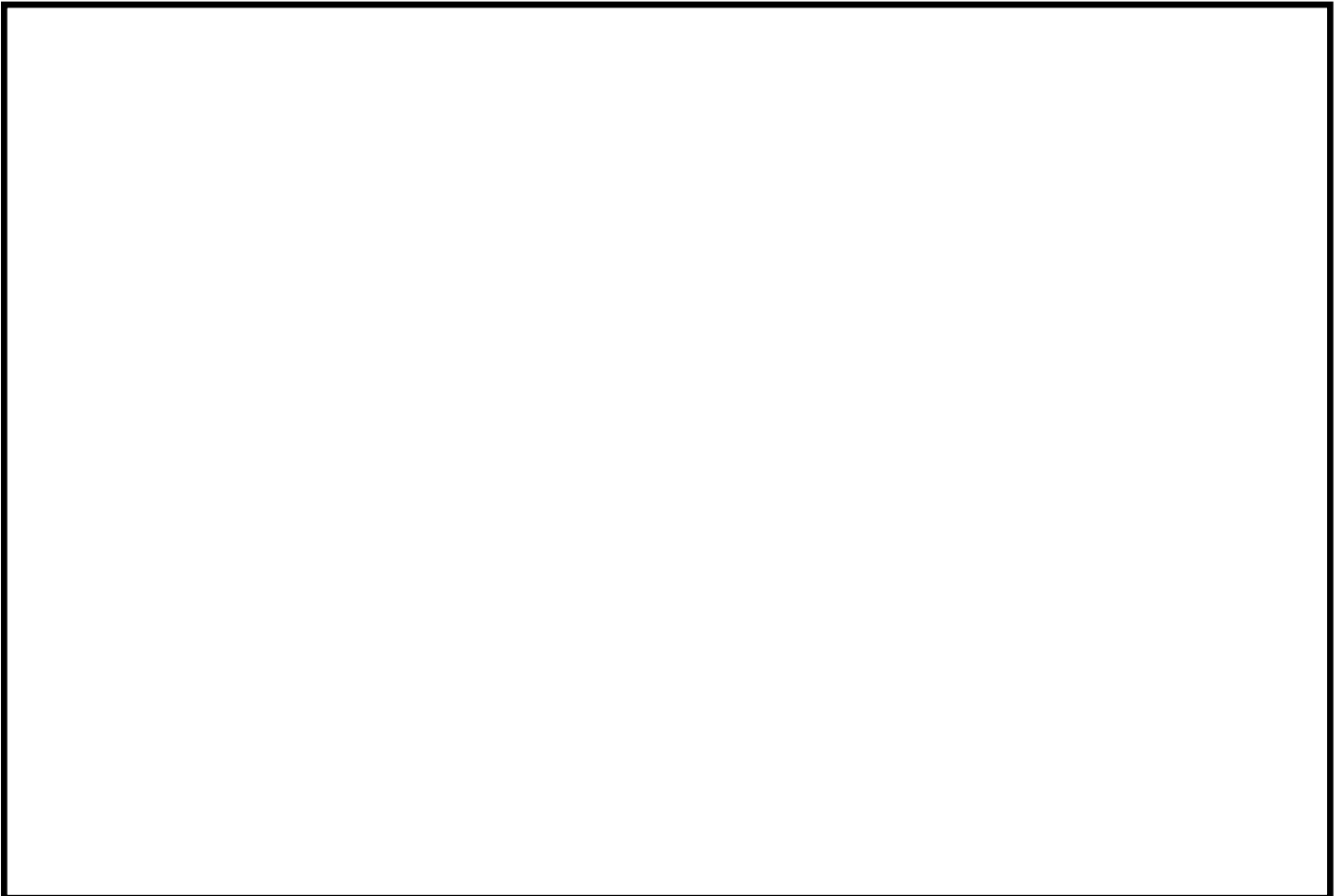
Please list all entities involved displaying a collaborative effort.

Tell us about the history of your group.

Tell us about your current program... activities, goals & vision.



Please describe any previous accomplishments from groups in your community.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE

Complete & Return application to:

Lawrence County Commissioners

(Attn: Summer Riley) at the address listed below

or email to ssullivan@lawrencegov.org

***PLEASE INCLUDED A SIGNED W-9 WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**



Lawrence County, Ohio Commissioners

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“YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION”

There is so much truth in such a simple statement. It is our civic duty to clean, beautify and promote a safe and welcoming neighborhood for families & businesses. We are calling on you to help make a positive statement, take pride & help make Lawrence County shine!