



Vibrant Neighborhoods

Grants Program

2022-2023 Report



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Program Overview:

The City of Tallahassee's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department launched the FY 2022-2023 Vibrant Neighborhoods Grant Program (VNG) in October 2022. This grant program was established to fund small-scale resident-initiated projects that are designed to enhance the quality of life in City of Tallahassee neighborhoods. City Neighborhood associations or homeowner's associations (HOA's) can apply for grants ranging from \$500-\$2,500 to undertake projects that will benefit their neighborhoods in the following categories: Community Beautification/Placemaking, Community Enrichment Programs/Initiatives, Neighborhood Events. The grant funds and accompanying technical assistance provided by the program are designed to empower neighborhood groups to effectively plan and implement solutions to enhance neighborhood vibrancy, safety and inclusivity. Grants are intended to support enhancements that the entire neighborhood can enjoy and are not intended for regular neighborhood maintenance. Neighborhoods must provide a match of 50% of granted funds, which can be in the form of cash, in-kind donations and/or volunteer time. The program is administered by the City's Neighborhood Affairs Division.

For FY 2022-2023, **\$11,999** was granted to six neighborhood groups, leveraging an additional **\$14,080** in matching funds.

Funded projects:

Hartsfield Village III Homeowner's Association (\$1,504): Hartsfield Village Homeowner's Association completed a placemaking project consisting of a new neighborhood notification board. This new sign is placed at the entrance of the community, so residents are aware of any neighborhood announcements, upcoming meetings and events, etc. With the help of resident volunteers, rock was laid around the sign to prevent erosion and to beautify the area.

Pine Grove Homeowner's Association (\$500): Pine Grove Homeowner's Association installed a new pet waste center along one of the main pet-walking routes in the neighborhood. This installment is assisting with pet waste as a convenience to residents, as well as a small beautification project. Around the pet station were planted new native pollinator plants.

Ox Bottom Crest Homeowner's Association (\$2,500): Ox Bottom Crest Homeowner's Association completed a large landscaping project at the corner of Capstone and Cold Harbor at one of their neighborhood's main entrances. With a professional landscaping company, they designed and installed over 30 plants to create a welcoming entrance to their neighborhood to enjoy.

Vieux Carre' Homeowner's Association (\$2,500): Vieux Carre' Homeowner's Association worked closely with the City of Tallahassee to install a brand-new paved pathway in the community. This pathway enables more community residents to walk the neighborhood with ease, to and from community meetings in an outdoor space, as well as social gatherings in the neighborhood. The pathways lead to newly installed benches for the residents to enjoy as well.

Jake Gaither Neighborhood Association (\$2,500): Jake Gaither Neighborhood Association is a large neighborhood that completed a neighborhood-wide beautification project. The project consisted of installation of five new neighborhood entrance signs with sod and flowers planted around them. These signs are all done with masonry work and a uniform sign. The project revamps the neighborhood giving an enhanced look.

Betton Hills Neighborhood Association (\$2,495): Betton Hills Neighborhood Association completed a unique interpretive birding sign in their location McCord Park. This sign was created in close collaboration with the City of Tallahassee Parks Department, serving as a placemaking effort for the many bird enthusiasts in the area. This sign draws visitors to the park to learn about the natural wildlife the park has to offer.



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Hartsfield Village III Homeowners Association

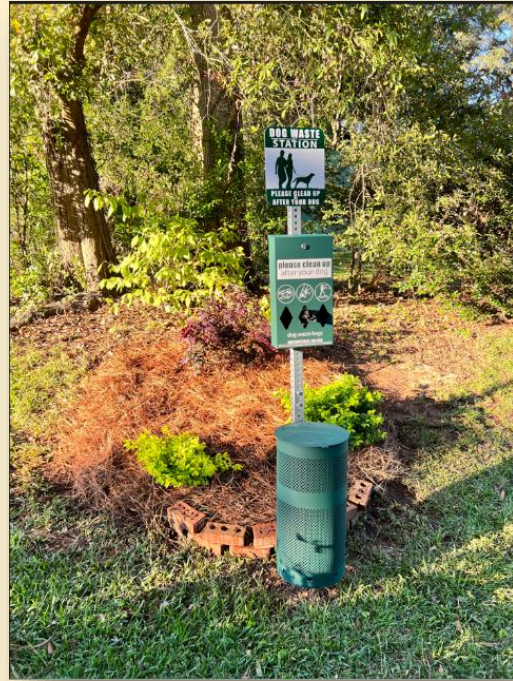


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