Grant Program Overview

Jumpstart your new idea and help to build community on your block, your street, or in your neighborhood with a Community Improvement Grant.

Grants up to $300 are available for projects that increase communications among neighbors, improve the physical condition of a neighborhood, or enhance neighborhood pride and identity.

A great community begins with you and your neighbors. By bringing people together for a neighborhood improvement project, you are helping to strengthen the Cupertino community.

The city of Cupertino shares in your goal of improving your neighborhood. The Community Improvement Grant program is our way of helping to create a successful project.

Project Examples

Here are examples of recently funded projects:
• Neighborhood beautification
• Disaster recovery supplies for neighborhoods with CERT-trained leaders
• Tents for block parties and emergency planning.

Eligibility

Community Improvement Grants are available for projects that bring neighbors together for a common benefit.

To be eligible, your project must meet the following requirements:

Your **neighborhood** must:
Participate in the **Cupertino Block Leader*** program. The free city-sponsored program helps residents to improve communication, increase public safety, and enhance cultural understanding in the neighborhoods.
Visit: **www.cupertino.org/blockleader**, email communityrelations@cupertino.org. or call 777-3331, to learn more about the Block Leader Program.

Your **project** must:
• Provide an identifiable benefit or positive impact to your street, block, or neighborhood. It can be either a physical project, or an activity that brings neighbors together. Grants are also available for expanding the scope or outreach of existing neighborhood projects.

• Include the active involvement of at least three neighboring households. The more neighbors involved, the better the project!

• Have a specific timeline, clearly defined steps and outcomes, and a breakdown of costs.

Awards Process

• Applications are reviewed once a month.
• Once funds are approved and made available, your project must be completed within six months.
• When the project is completed, submit pictures, itemized expenses, and a final report describing the project's success.

How to Apply:
Applications are available on the city's website (www.cupertino.org/blockleader) and at City Hall.

City of Cupertino
Office of the City Manager
10300 Torre Ave.
Cupertino, CA 95014
408-777-3212
communityrelations@cupertino.org
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* More on the Block Leader Program
Block Leaders help to connect neighbors with each other and are encouraged to communicate with the city. The city relays timely and pertinent information to block leaders and coordinates trainings and regular meetings. The city also provides written materials, step-by-step methods on how to plan gatherings, photo copies of neighborhood newsletters and rosters, and identification badges.
Call: 408.777.3331
Email: communityrelations@cupertino.org

Additional Cupertino Neighborhood Programs

Block Party Program
Become acquainted with neighbors at your front doorsteps. The City temporarily closes streets for celebrations, games and activities -- at no cost. Sheriff's units, fire engines, and ambulances will visit, if available. Parks and Recreation leaders can organize games. Presentations on emergency preparedness, safety, and energy savings are available.
Access the application online at:
www.cupertino.org/blockparty
Call: 408.777.3354 for information

Neighborhood Preparedness
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Prepare for earthquakes and other disasters. Learn life safety skills to help you, your family, and neighborhood in emergencies.
Call: 408.777.3335
Email: oes@cupertino.org

Neighborhood Watch Program
Learn about home security and how to recognize and report suspicious activities. Participants receive program window placards and stickers. Street signs are placed if 80% of neighborhood participates.
Call: 408-777-3177
Email: neighborhoodwatch@cupertino.org

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
Grant Program

To increase communications and enhance neighborhood pride

CUPERTINO BLOCK LEADER

Building Community, One Block at a Time
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