

City of Phoenix



Neighborhood Block Watch Grants

If your organization would like to apply for a Neighborhood Block Watch Grant, or if you have questions about any of the material covered in this overview, please contact:

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A General Overview

AIM AND PURPOSE

1. Detect, deter, or delay crime.
2. Improve the quality of life within neighborhoods by educating individuals to work together to solve crime problems.
3. Encourage citizens to have pride in their neighborhood and to prevent crime.
4. Motivate citizens toward common neighborhood crime prevention goals.
5. Coordinate pertinent crime prevention neighborhood / community meetings.
6. Teach crime prevention and safety techniques.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Grants are available to Block Watch groups and neighborhood associations and organizations that co-apply with them (for example, community service or volunteer organizations, educational or religious institutions, or non-profit [IRS qualified] agencies). City departments may also co-apply with Block Watch groups and neighborhood associations.

Applications are accepted during the annual grant process and must be submitted on original forms provided by the City of Phoenix. Applications must be typed or printed legibly. Illegible applications will not be scored and can be disqualified. All applications must contain the signatures of two representatives who are authorized to sign legal contracts for the submitting organization.

The Oversight Committee reviews and ranks all applications based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Crime prevention
- ❖ Project viability / feasibility / experience
- ❖ Ability to complete the project
- ❖ Budget evaluation

There is only one grant application from which to choose.

- ❖ The traditional application for up to \$10,000

OPERATING AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

Because grant money comes from public funds, organizations receiving grants must demonstrate a high standard of accountability.

- ❖ A separate dual signature bank account is required for City grant funds; grant funds cannot be commingled with other accounts.
- ❖ Reports documenting expenses and achievements of the program and providing insight for the next quarter must be submitted in a timely manner each quarter.
- ❖ All bank statements, receipts, required reports, and other records documenting how the grant money was used should be retained for at least two years after the award contract expires.
- ❖ The City has the right to audit books and records upon reasonable request and conduct on-site audits to evaluate project performance and progress.
- ❖ All accounting and reporting should comply with the provisions outlined in each award contract.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Neighborhood Block Watch Grants are funded through the sales tax increase approved by voters in 1993 as the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance (Proposition 301). The Police Department administers the grant program. The Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Oversight Committee was created by the City Council to review grant applications and to make funding recommendations. Committee members are appointed by the Mayor and Council and serve two-year terms.