

# **2008 Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program**

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## **2008 LARGE GRANT: \$3,000 - \$6,000**

### **APPLICATION FORM**

(Please type or print clearly)

#### **DO YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA THAT WOULD HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?**

Please complete all questions in the space provided. Return to Stark Community Foundation, 400 Market Avenue North, Suite 200, Canton, OH 44702, by 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2006. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Thomas Jones at Stark Community Foundation, 330-454-3426.

#### **SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of Neighborhood Organization: Neighborhood Associate's Votes Empower (N.A.V.E.)

City Neighborhood Location: (Check one) N.W.  S.W.  N.E.  S.E.

Name of Person completing this form: Veronica Callahan

Name of Neighborhood Chairperson: Veronica Callahan Phone Number: 330-705-2131

Mailing Address: 3406 34<sup>th</sup> St NE Canton, Ohio 44705

<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ 10,000.00 (min.) - please see proposed budget sheet</b>
<b>Brief description of project(s):*</b>
<b>Host "Showcase Your Neighborhood Association and Meet the Candidates" we would like to utilize the Canton Memorial Civic Center McKinley Room to put the neighborhood associations on display all participating Neighborhoods will have a table booth. In addition, we will invite all candidates as well as representatives for any issues that will be before the public for vote to a share information.</b>

\*Your brief description of your project(s) must be in the space provided above – not on an additional sheet . Thank you.

Please list the years and amounts of your previous NPGP grants: 2005 - \$2998; 2006 - \$3500; 2007- \$3,724.00

Is your Neighborhood Organization a 501 (c)(3)?

Yes If yes, please attach a copy of your 501 (c)(3) status verification letter

No If no, you must have a fiscal sponsor (501(c)(3), church, etc. that has agreed to be distributor of your grant funds.

Please list the name of that organization Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association.

Please have your fiscal sponsor (1)read the page entitled Fiscal Sponsorship – Doing It Right, (2)complete the attached Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement and (3) provide a copy of the fiscal sponsor's most recent IRS 501(c)(3) status verification letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Grant Applicant)

Jan 24, 2008  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**SECTION II – NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 1. General Organization Information:
  - a) When did this group hold its first meeting? (month/yr.) 1996
  - b) Does your group report annually to the IRS? Yes  No
  - c) What are the geographic boundaries of your neighborhood? All the wards in the City of Canton
  - d) Approximately how many houses are in your neighborhood? 10,000
  - e) Approximately how many people live in your neighborhood? 40,000
- 2. During the past year, how many people usually participated:
  - a) in regular meetings? 34
  - b) in special business meetings (i.e., a crisis or call meeting)? 5
  - c) at special events? 2000+

At this time,

- a) how many people are considered “members”? There are approximately 50 registered neighborhood groups that have been identified through the Neighborhood Leadership Council via the Stark Community Foundation.
  - b) what is your definition of “members”? Have had representatives successfully complete Neighborhood Leadership Training and attend regular monthly meeting of Neighborhood Leadership Council
  - c) do you have membership dues? no
  - d) how many people are considered “leaders”? 5
  - e) what is your definition of “leader”? N.A.V.E. Subcommittee is made up of representatives from the Neighborhood Leadership Council. We are responsible for planning city council public speaks appearances, voter registration and educational events, where we provide a platform for community issues and concerns as well as allow for community questions.
- 3. Does your organization operate with :
    - a) An official Board of Directors? No  Yes  how many? \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) A committee of elected officers? No  Yes  how many? 4
  - 4. Does the organization have an official constitution and bylaws? No  Yes   
(If yes please include a copy with this application)
  - 5. Does your organization have a mission statement or written vision of action for the neighborhood? No  Yes   
(If yes, please enclose a copy with this application)
  - 6. Is the organization’s mission supported by the majority of your community? No  Yes   
Please attach a recent neighborhood organization financial statement to this application.
  - 7. How do you tell the residents of your neighborhood about your mission? Newsletters, Brochures, Flyers, websites, Neighborhood activities, radio, newspaper, television and Neighborhood meetings
  - 8. How often do you have a community-wide meeting? Various neighborhood associations hold monthly, bi-monthly and/or quarterly meetings to involve and keep the residents informed. We have adopted a twice yearly visit to Canton City Council where representatives of neighborhoods to present our concerns and issues. We host meet the candidates educational events to increase voter awareness.
  - 9. Do you have a neighborhood newsletter? No  Yes  If yes, how often is it published? Most neighborhood organizations distributes newsletters monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

10. Do you have a neighborhood website? Is your neighborhood information posted on the [www.cityofcanton.org](http://www.cityofcanton.org) website? No  Yes  The City website is establishing a link to the neighborhood's web site which will include all registered neighborhood organizations.
11. Do you have a way for residents to tell the organization what is important to them? No  Yes   
If yes how do you do it? By meetings/ mail/ phones/ e-mail
12. Is it possible to visit your Neighborhood organization? No  Yes   
If yes, please answer the following questions:  
a) Which day and week of each month does your group meet? NLC meets the second Monday each month and N.A.V.E. will conduct monthly regular meetings at 4:00 prior to MLC  
b) At what time? 4:00-5:00 PM  
c) Where? Please give complete directions to your meeting site:  
Stark Community Foundation Conference Room – subcommittee meets as needed.

### SECTION III – YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

1. Briefly describe 1 or 2 issue (s) of major concern to your neighborhood group during this grant period, the group's goal for impacting the issue and the strategy it is using to achieve that goal. (Attach additional sheets if needed)

a) Issue #1 – Neighborhood Associate's Votes Empower (N.A.V.E.) is a subcommittee of the Neighborhood Leadership Council that was established to promote awareness and education about issues and candidates that face the neighborhoods in the City of Canton. We work to keep residents informed. To encourage political involvement of the neighborhood residents. Methods used are to encourage voter registration and education to know who/what they are voting for in each election.

Goal - What does the group want to do to address the issue or eliminate the problem?: To educate the neighborhood associates on the election process and allow all the neighbors the opportunity to meet and question elected officials and those persons running for office. And at the same time encourage the elected officials along with others in the city to become more familiar with the neighborhood associations and what activities they perform in their particular area of the city. To increase voter registration and participation in the election process through out the city.

Strategy- How does the group intend to address the issue or eliminate the problem?:

1) Host city-wide "Showcase Your Neighborhood Association and Meet the Candidates" to provide a venue for education, understanding and encourage involvement in Neighborhood Associations.

2) Provide the opportunity for each neighborhood association represented in the Neighborhood Leadership Council to have a booth to display what their neighborhood is about to allow others to become aware of their organization.

3) Edit the Neighborhood Resource book to contain the up-to-date descriptions of the associations This resource book is given to attendees of the events as a way to know all of the neighborhood associations in the City and give them a reference where these associations are located and how to contact each association.

b) Issue #2 –

Goal - What does the group want to do to address the issue or eliminate the problem?:

Strategy - How does the group intend to address the issue or eliminate the problem?:

2. Describe the **neighborhood project** that you wish to have funded with this grant? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

**Issue 1) We are requesting funding to finance a city-wide “Showcase Your Neighborhood Association and Meet the Candidates” to be held at the Canton Civic Center. All registered Neighborhood organizations will have booths to display their group. In conjunction with these events we would like to have an updated Canton Neighborhood Associations Resource Booklet available to help promote the neighborhoods.**

a) Why is this project important to your neighborhood?

**Issue 1) It is important that we continue to promote the neighborhood associations and our efforts to better our communities one neighborhood at a time. It has been proven that there is strength in numbers we must continue to grow our neighborhood associations and continue interactive relationships in our communities.**

**Issue 2) We all can agree that politics have an impact on our neighborhoods, communities and lives. We must continue to educate individuals of their rights to vote and to be an informed voter. If we want to continue to have productive influence in our communities we have an obligation to inform our neighbors.**

b) Clearly identify the skills, abilities, capacities, and assets which local residents will contribute to this project. **Neighborhood Leadership Council is a group of neighborhood leaders representing every ward in the City of Canton. Members of this council come from every economic level, education level, represent multiple races, religions and professions. It is an immeasurable asset to have such a diverse group committed to meeting regularly, to work together to accomplish benefits for all people of the city and work on empowering the people in their neighborhoods and the city as a whole. We have been recognized by community leaders as a group of people who are interested in what is happening in our city and who are willing to become involved. We have the desire to continue to affect change and improvement in the City of Canton as we grow and work together.**

c) Clearly identify the major associations and institutions in your neighborhood community that will participate in this project. **The attached resource booklets list the neighborhood associations that have completed the Neighborhood Leadership Training and have organized neighborhood groups. This event is put together and ran by all the neighborhood associations through volunteers, contributions, networking as well as advertising.**

(Circle your answer)

3. How would you rate your group’s ability to improve your neighborhood:  **Excellent**, Good, Fair, Poor?

*If other than good, please express your opinion why your group has not been able to improve your neighborhood. (Your answer will not impact our decision on your grant application)*

4. Do you plan to use youth volunteers to help with this project? No  Yes

If yes, describe what they will be asked to do. **The N.A.V.E. subcommittee is responsible for each aspect of the event, with committee captains for each area. Each committee member and each neighborhood organization is responsible for getting volunteers from their membership and residents to help with the events. We use youth in age appropriate tasks along with adult volunteers.**

5. Do you plan to use neighborhood volunteers other than those serving on your neighborhood council or board.

No  Yes  If yes, describe what they will do & complete attached Volunteer Pledge Form.

**We utilize adult and youth volunteers assigned to each area captain to prepare for and/or work the evenings of the events in areas of ushers, ward moderators, greeters, refreshments, etc. Please see attached sign-in sheet from Neighborhood Leadership Council.**

Please have volunteers helping with this project sign the attached volunteer pledge form.

6. Describe how this project will help strengthen, mobilize, enhance and expand the local capabilities of your neighborhood organization.

**This project will help strengthen our neighborhood associations by increasing information and education**

**and promoting resident participation in the neighborhood organizations. As the motto of the Neighborhood Leadership Council states: “You don’t have to move to live in a better Neighborhood!”**

7. Stark Community Foundation provides Neighborhood Leadership Training (NLT) to neighborhoods. In accepting a grant from NPGP, you are expected to send leaders/representatives from your organization to NLT. Are there leaders/representatives from your organization who will be able to attend the Neighborhood Leadership Training? No  Yes

- a) Please list the names, addresses and phone numbers of neighborhood representatives from your organization that will participate in Neighborhood Leadership Training 2007:

**Neighborhood associations submit members to this training program each year to expand their base of committed leaders. Marilyn Thomas-Jones will have the complete list of information about the members of the current class. The current class has approximately 20 participants.**

- b) Please list the names of neighborhood representatives from your organization that have already participated in Neighborhood Leadership Training:

**There is a prerequisite of completing the Neighborhood Leadership Training to be a member of the Neighborhood Leadership Council. All members of the NLC are registered with Marilyn Thomas-Jones of the Stark Community Foundation. There are approximately 300 people who have completed the training class to date.**

8. Complete the attached volunteer pledge form and grant project budget showing evidence of a significant investment of resources and time by local residents and associations.