

**1. Who can apply for this grant?** Youth ages 16–25 who live in Detroit and want to lead a project in their neighborhood.

**2. How much funding can I get?** Grants are available in amounts of \$250 and limited amounts of \$500. You may apply for up to \$500, but be mindful that based on project scope and need you may receive a smaller grant of \$250.

**3. Do I need to be part of a nonprofit or organization to apply?** Not exactly! You must either: (a) partner with a registered Detroit Block Club or neighborhood association, or (b) work with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or fiscal sponsor. If you don't already have a connection, we'll help connect you with one.

**4. What kinds of projects can I do?** Almost anything that creates a positive impact in your neighborhood! Examples: a community clean-up or mural, a youth workshop or pop-up event, a food or clothing drive, or a creative art or storytelling project. As long as it's realistic, safe, and doable within the grant timeline.

**5. When do projects have to happen?** Projects must take place between November 1 and December 14, 2025.

**6. What's the timeline for applying?** Applications are open from October 6<sup>th</sup> until 11:59 PM EST on October 17<sup>th</sup> and are reviewed on a rolling basis, with final selections taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Selected recipients will be notified by October 31<sup>st</sup>, and projects must be implemented between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Final reports will be due December 17<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Impact Showcase on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Can I apply with friends or a team?** Yes! You can apply solo or work with your team or organization. The application asks you to list up to 4 core team members, but you can work with as many as necessary to execute your project.

**8. How will the money be given out?** Funding will be disbursed to the 501(c)(3) organization listed on your application. If you do not currently have a 501(c)(3) partner or fiscal sponsor, including a City-registered Block Club or neighborhood association, then the Youth Affairs Team will assist you in connecting with one should your project be selected.

**11. What do I need to turn in after my project?** Selected recipients will receive instructions on conducting a project report due December 17<sup>th</sup> that reviews their activity, its outcomes, and how the funds were utilized to execute their project.

**12. Can I use the money to pay myself?** The grant is meant for project costs such as supplies, food, or space rental. Small stipends for youth time may be considered, but the majority should go toward the activity itself.