



## 2008 Neighborhood Small Grants Program

### What is the Neighborhood Small Grants Program?

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program is a new program that provides funds to groups that represent neighborhoods in eligible areas for small-scale neighborhood improvements or enhancements. The purpose of the program is to assist neighborhood groups to improve community aesthetics by encouraging physical improvements in Northglenn's neighborhoods through beautification programs, environmental enhancements and neighborhood clean-ups.

The goals of the program are to encourage residents to take an active role in organizing and prioritizing neighborhood needs to improve the viability and livability of their neighborhoods, with the following objectives:

- Increase the participation of individuals and families in neighborhood activities;
- Increase the number of adults and/or youth who want to organize community projects;
- Increase the number of people who are connected to and/or actively participating in the neighborhood; and
- Increase the number of neighborhood initiated projects or activities.

The program is administered through the Community Engagement Division of the Planning and Development Department. The program runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> each year and is provided on a first come, first served basis, until funds are gone.

### Who can apply for funding?

An approved neighborhood group representing a specific neighborhood area in an **eligible area** may apply for a grant in this program. Examples of such groups include a neighborhood association, neighborhood watch group, homeowner's association or an organized committee of neighborhood residents. Neighborhood groups can only receive one grant each program year.

### What types of projects are eligible for funding?

Grants may be used for any small-scale neighborhood improvement or enhancement project in an eligible area. The projects must be a physical neighborhood improvement or enhancement with a public benefit such as flower gardens and/or tree planting, mini-neighborhood cleanups, playground or park equipment and beautification projects.

### How Much Funding Can My Neighborhood Receive?

Grants will be made in increments of \$100 up to \$5,000.

### How does the application process work?

Applications are accepted by the Community Engagement Division throughout the program year.

### What are the eligible areas for the grant?

This program is funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and is governed by federal regulation. The eligible areas are determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). See the back of the attached application for the location of the **eligible areas**.