

Applications Open for Neighborhood Mini Grant Program: We Can Help As Needed

29 MAY 2026

By Nicholas Giacobbe and Jackie Snelling (membership@civfed.org)

Arlington County's [Neighborhood Mini Grant \(NMG\) Program](#) is now accepting applications through **Friday, July 17, 2026**. Grantees will be announced by August 28, 2026 and all projects must be completed by June 30, 2027.

The program's goals are to provide Arlington neighborhoods funding to encourage community building through a variety of activities, programs, events, and projects that promote racial equity, diversity, and inclusion. The NMG Program will grant up to \$25,000 and the maximum grant is \$1,000 per applicant. Each organization may apply once per year.

Eligible activities will be programs, events, or projects that increase neighborhood connections, build capacity, and support resident-led action by:

- Promoting neighborhood pride and building community
- Addressing a pressing neighborhood need or opportunity
- Improving the neighborhood's capacity to build civic and social capital
- Strengthening relationships and improving communication between residents, community leaders, and other community organizations to benefit neighborhoods

Potential projects could include, but are not limited to:

- Community events (e.g., block parties, festivals)
- Community engagement or outreach to promote inclusion and encourage involvement in community efforts and activities
- Public health and safety activities (e.g., education, neighborhood clean-ups, walking, biking, yoga, safe routes to school)
- Small-scale projects that encourage volunteerism and community building (e.g., beautification, building a little free library, community gardens)

Grant funds can only be awarded to 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) organizations, civic associations, and community groups with tax identification numbers (EIN) located in Arlington County. If your organization is interested in applying but does not have 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) status, consider partnering with a qualifying organization. CivFed will once again be available to help partner members with organizations with 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) status who can serve as fiscal sponsors or co-applicants. Please contact Jackie Snelling at membership@civfed.org for assistance.

Note that this is a reimbursable grant. Eligible project expenses paid by the grantee or the co-applicant / fiscal sponsor may be reimbursed by grant funds. For a list of last year's successful grants, see this [link](#), and for the prior year see this [link](#).

The application is available on the [County's website](#), which also includes submission requirements and an overview of the process. For questions, [email](#) or call the Neighborhood Services Division office at 703-228-3830.