



Energize Our Neighborhoods Neighborhood Investment Program

What is the Neighborhood Investment Program?

The Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) program is part of the City's **Energize Our Neighborhoods** initiative. The program funds comprehensive neighborhood plans and capital construction projects to help enrich the lives of our residents, enhance the identity and quality of life in our neighborhoods and encourage a strong sense of community.

Neighborhood input is a valued aspect of the program. Active neighborhood associations are invited to generate ideas for Neighborhood Investment projects. The program is competitive and awards are limited by available funding. Preference will be given to projects that align well with other City priorities. In-kind match, including cash and volunteer hours is encouraged and will strengthen your application.

Boise's neighborhood planners are available to help neighborhoods refine project scope. Please plan to attend the City Project Manager Open House or call 208-570-6834 for help with a proposal.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects will contribute to strong and healthy neighborhoods through resident involvement and engagement in the identification, planning, and implementation processes. Funded projects will provide a public benefit to all members of the community. Projects approved in the past include:

- Community Garden, Central Bench Neighborhood (2016)
- FDR Visit Interpretive Signage, North & East End Neighborhoods (2017)
- Historic Ustick Townsite Beautification Project – West Valley Neighborhood (2017)

General Requirements

- City Registered Neighborhood Associations are eligible to apply for project funding. Individuals, community groups, and HOAs must work with their neighborhood association to apply. All projects must be planned in public spaces (eligible locations include right of way areas, City parks, or on school district property).
- All groups must attend an NIP Workshop and receive Project Manager approval prior to application submission.

What is Energize Our Neighborhoods?

Healthy neighborhoods are the building blocks of livability.

Energize Our Neighborhoods is a collaboration between Boise's residents, public and private partners, and the City to keep our neighborhoods unique and desirable.

Process Timeline

The application will open on November 1, 2018. Applications, along with the necessary supporting documentation, must be submitted via ZoomGrants no later than midnight on January 31, 2019.

Go to **Energize. cityofboise.org/toolkit/nip** for the application.

Important Dates

Project Manager Open House

- Oct. 2nd - Dick Eardley Senior Center, Gold Room, 5:45 - 7:30 PM

NIP Workshops

- Oct. 11th - Library! at Cole & Ustick, Sagebrush Room, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Oct. 17th - Library! at Bown Crossing, Martie Brennan Room, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Oct. 23rd - Library! at Collister, Sycamore Room, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Nov. 6th - Library! at Hillcrest, Lemhi Room, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Nov. 13th - Main Library, Marion Bingham Room, 6:30-8:00 PM

Need More Information?

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