



Burlington Healthy Neighborhoods Program

Tips for a Competitive Application

1. Close Proximity of Neighborhood Properties

Properties that are physically close together will create more of an impact than properties that are scattered. Applications where the property improvements are occurring in a concentrated area are more likely to be funded than applications where houses are separated by great distances.

2. High Numbers of Participating Properties

Although at least 5 households on the same block are required to participate, that is just the minimum. Having more than five participating properties will make your application more competitive. It is important that these houses are on the same street, or very close to each other. If many more houses are recruited, but they are scattered around other blocks or streets, this will weaken the application. Houses on other streets must be encouraged to form their own group application.

3. Teamwork on Projects

All things being equal, groups that demonstrate specifically how they will work together and assist each other in their block improvements are more competitive.

4. A Plan to Sustain the Momentum

The Healthy Neighborhoods Program is designed to do more than just improve the appearance of homes. The goal of this program is to revitalize neighborhoods, and this requires more than just physical improvements. Healthy neighborhoods have strong connections among neighbors. A strong application will detail future plans for how neighbors will work together to improve their neighborhood- not only physically, but socially as well.