



Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Spaces to Places Service Grant

Application deadline: Aug 31, 2023

The goal of the program is to improve the quality of life in a neighborhood by encouraging people to restore underutilized public spaces into community assets. We focus on the neighborhoods with the highest social and economic disparities, environmental inequities, and lack of greenspace. Every year we select a different neighborhood to bring together stakeholders, partners, professionals, volunteers, and community groups for the reimagination and creation of public greenspaces.

YOUR COMMITMENT:

Are you committed to beautifying Cincy? Here's what we look for in a community partner:

- **Volunteers:** At least half of the volunteers on any given project day must come from the neighborhood (most events consist of 10 volunteers provided by KCB). You must have a plan for recruiting community volunteers.
- **Partnership Development:** You'll engage neighbors, businesses, churches, and community organizations who might provide additional project or partner support.
- **Maintenance Commitment:** Individuals on your team will take on specific maintenance roles and coordinate volunteers to weed, water, collect litter and care for the site.

WHAT KCB PROVIDES:

To ensure project success and sustainability, KCB makes a multi-year commitment to its project partners.

- **Expertise, support, and guidance:** KCB will provide support in community engagement, design, and project implementation.
- **Plants and trees:** KCB will facilitate the purchase of plants and trees.
- **Paths, benches, shelters, nature play equipment, artistic elements, and other built infrastructure:** KCB will facilitate the purchase and coordination of hard and softscape elements.
- **Stewardship support:** KCB will work with the community partner to identify specific maintenance needs, such as watering, mowing, etc. Upon project completion, KCB will support community-led maintenance events for up to 3 years by assisting in volunteer recruitment, coordination, and providing supplies.

Spaces to Places Project Application

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

This grant application is also available to fill out online at www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org

1. Complete all pages of this application.
2. Your application requires having a steering committee of 3-5 members who will be engaged in the Spaces to Places process.
3. Include at least 5 project site photographs.
4. Include any other attachments that may assist us in understanding your project plans such as any preliminary designs, and/or ideas your group has for the space.
5. If you have any questions about this application, please contact Alistair Probst, Greenspace Director at: alistair@keepcincinnatibeautiful.org

Please note that **this is not a cash grant, but a service grant**. KCB will provide engagement support, design, hardscaping and plant materials, project management support and three years of maintenance support while applicants provide the ideas, volunteers and future maintenance. Grant applicants might be asked to provide the results of a soil test. KCB is not responsible for the determination that a project site is considered “safe” for the intended use. That determination is made solely by the project applicant. (Keep Cincinnati Beautiful reserves the right to adapt all or any component of this proposal, based on the availability of resources, equipment, supplies, financial support, etc.)

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION: You may submit your application through our online form, via fax, email or mail to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful:

The application is **due by August 31, 2023**. Applicants are selected on September 30th.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Inc.
Attn: Alistair Probst, Director of Greenspace
1115 Bates Ave
Cincinnati, Oh 45225
Phone: 513-352-4505
Fax: 513-352-4389
Email: alistair@keepcincinnatibeautiful.org

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION:

Group/Organization Name: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Chairperson Contact Name: _____

Contact Address (Street, City, Zip) : _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Site Address: _____

Project sites must occur within the City of Cincinnati.

Have you ever worked with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful?

I have volunteered at an event or with a program.

I have organized an event.

I have an Adopt-A-Spot.

I have have attended an educational program.

Other, please describe: _____

Have you ever partnered with another organization (i.e. community council, place of worship, etc.) to complete a neighborhood improvement project? If so, please describe:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Describe your project. What is your vision? What are the three main goals you hope to accomplish with your space? (Active space, beautification, food production, gateway, community gathering, etc...)

2. Is the property where your project is to occur owned by the community or organization requesting this grant?

Yes No

If no, who owns the property and what steps are currently being taken to secure permission or ownership of this land?

3. Have you previously applied for a Spaces to Places Service Grant on your selected site?

Yes No

4. Are there other plans for construction at this site? (Building improvements, home Renovations, development, etc...)

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

VALUES:

On a separate page, please answer each of the following questions in 300 words or less:

1. Community-driven: A successful project brings neighbors together, can build new partnerships (commercial or individual), and serves the community. How will your project mobilize people to engage in your neighborhood? How will you work together to bring your vision to fruition?

2. Catalyst: A successful project will bring long-term value to the community. How does your project raise the broader spirit and aesthetics of your neighborhood? What makes it a vibrant place for on-going engagement?

3. Clean: A successful project should include detailed plans for plant life survival, hardscape remaining in good condition, and a maintenance plan that matches the capabilities of the applicant. Please be specific in answering the following questions:

- Is your group currently, or has it ever been responsible for the maintenance (consistent watering, weeding, litter pickup, hardscape maintenance, etc...) of this or any other greenspace within the neighborhood? If YES, please explain

- Please explain in detail how your group plans to maintain your proposed project. If applicable, be sure to include your plan for water accessibility.

4. Green: A successful project will have impact on several or all of these elements: air, soil, water, temperature, invasive plant removal, erosion control, stormwater management, native and functional plants, birds and wildlife. Please explain how your project would impact any or all of these and how?

5. Vibrant: Your project may have a specific art idea which could include a mural, sculpture, landscape or the act of making art. If your project has the potential for art, please attach any vision or designs that you may have.

6. Stewardship: Your project will touch the lives of many. How will you share the successes of your project with others, so they can learn about the importance of greenspace in communities?

A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP:

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful relies on its **community partners** to ensure the long-term success of its projects. Community partners are expected to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreement. The MOU sets mutual expectations.

1. What resources and opportunities does your group plan to leverage to ensure the success of your project? (Are there opportunities for new or existing partnerships/support within the neighborhood?)

- Please list what current or potential partnerships you plan to engage in this project.

- Please explain how you have worked with any partners to achieve success.

- You will be expected to provide volunteers to help create the project. How will you recruit volunteers to assist in your project?

2. Do you have additional sources for the funding of your project? Please explain:

3. Are there any other compelling aspects of your project that you would like to share that are unique to your community?

4. Please list any additional questions you may have regarding KCB's role in your project so we can provide clarity.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN.

This page must be completed in its entirety in order for the application to be valid. Please sign then fax, or scan and email the application to us. Signing this document indicates that you have carefully read the information provided about the Spaces to Places Service Grant. Upon submission of this application, the steering committee (must be a minimum of 3 people) is agreeing that if they receive this grant assistance, they pledge to be good stewards of the resources received not only by working cooperatively with the KCB staff to complete the project to the best of their ability, but also through their commitment to the long-term care of the completed project. Some applicants may be required to obtain a soil test from their project location depending upon the intended use for the space.

GROUP OR ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson Printed Name: _____

Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chairperson Email: _____

Teammate #1 Printed Name: _____

Teammate #1 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teammate #1 Email: _____

Teammate #2 Printed Name: _____

Teammate #2 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teammate #2 Email: _____

Teammate #3 Printed Name: _____

Teammate #3 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teammate #3 Email: _____

Teammate #4 Printed Name: _____

Teammate #4 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teammate #4 Email: _____