



Charlotte neighborhoods have received funds for a variety of projects, including physical enhancements, such as neighborhood entrance signs and lighting; supplies to produce newsletters and flyers for improved organizational development; computers and playground equipment for access to educational programs and recreational activities; and neighborhood watch signs and other safety devices for an increased perception of safety. Organizations compete for grants and must match funds awarded with contributions of cash, volunteer time and/or in-kind donations of goods and services. Grants ranging up to \$25,000 are awarded three times per year.

In Fiscal Year 2009, Neighborhood Matching Grants funded 25 projects, totaling \$84,148.18.

This was the third year of implementation to provide grants for neighborhoods to purchase tree banding supplies and participate in the citywide campaign to protect the tree canopy.

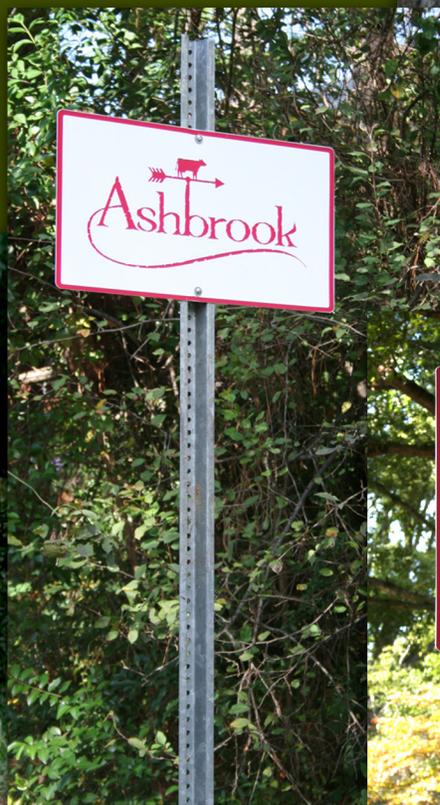


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## Neighborhood Matching Grants



Since 1993, the City of Charlotte's Neighborhood Matching Grants Program has invested more than \$3 million in helping neighborhood organizations improve their communities. The program aims to strengthen neighborhoods by increasing participation, partnerships, self-sufficiency and thus, overall quality of life.



Neighborhood associations and neighborhood-based business organizations are eligible to apply for a Neighborhood Matching Grant if:

- The neighborhood statistical area median household income is \$64,219 or less
- The organization has been established for at least six months
- The majority of the organization's members live or operate businesses in the neighborhood or business district
- The organization does not discriminate and actively seeks membership from everyone in the neighborhood or business district
- Neighborhood-based community development corporations with at least one-third neighborhood representation on their boards may also be eligible

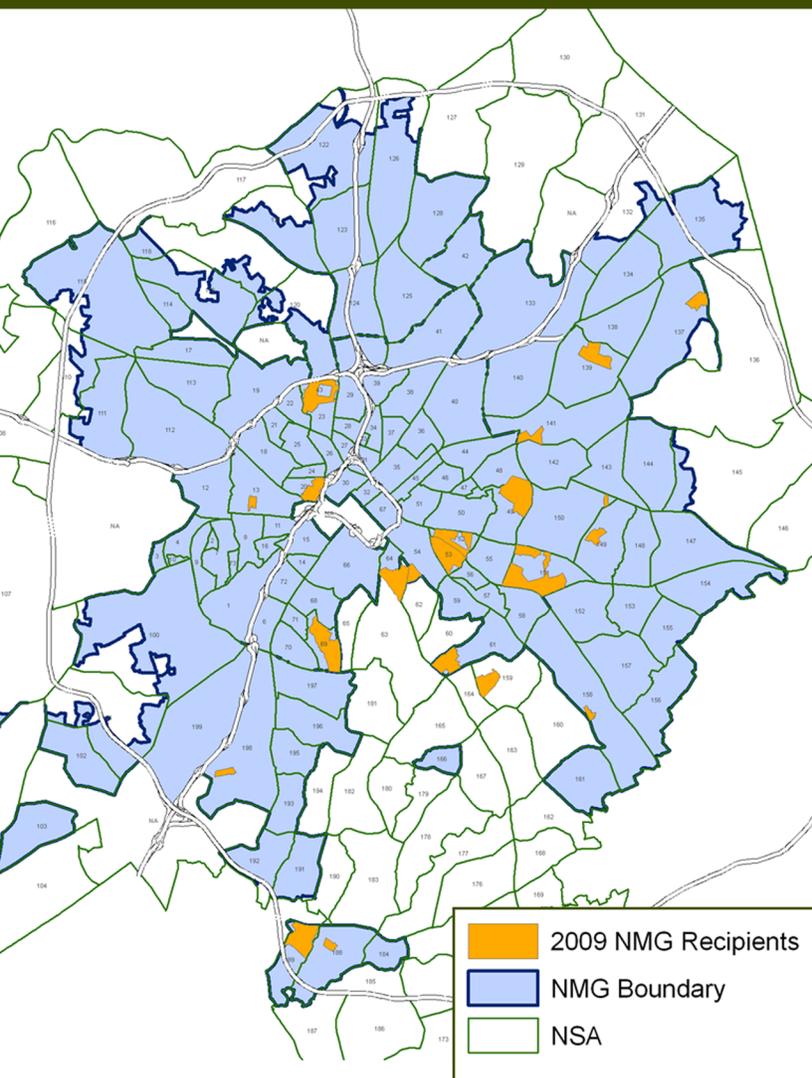
Individuals, single businesses, city-wide organizations, social service, fraternal and religious organizations, political groups and public agencies are not eligible for the program. However, they may participate by forming partnerships with a neighborhood or business organization that meets the eligibility criteria. The neighborhood or business group must be the lead applicant and demonstrate a significant role in project planning and implementation.

Proposed projects should relate to the applying organization's mission and purpose.

Applications are evaluated based on:

- The size and quality of the proposed match
- Neighborhood participation and collaboration in the project
- Documented impact or need for the project
- The overall project design

Organizations must send a representative to a workshop prior to submitting an application. Call **704.336.2061** or visit **[neighborhoods.charmeck.org](http://neighborhoods.charmeck.org)** for workshop schedules and application deadlines.



## Neighborhood Matching Grants Locations

The map illustrates the locations of the FY2009 Neighborhood Matching Grant projects.

Grants ranged from \$292 to \$17,500.



## Neighborhood Matching Grants Project List FY09

**Crime and Public Safety:** Projects in this category are generally designed to reduce crime and increase feelings of safety in the neighborhood. Projects may include Neighborhood Watch signs, citizens' patrols, National Night Out activities, crime prevention and fire safety programs.

Neighborhood Name	Amount Awarded	Total Match Pledged
Falconbridge Condominium Homeowners Association	\$17,439.50	\$17,439.50
The Timbers @ Brooktree Homeowners Association	\$1,845.75	\$1,895.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,285.25</b>	<b>\$19,335.25</b>

**Neighborhood Improvement:** Includes physical improvements to public or common areas such as landscaping and beautification, community gardens, neighborhood entrance signs, small playgrounds, street light installation, neighborhood clean ups and our special Tree Banding Initiative.

Neighborhood Name	Amount Awarded	Total Match Pledged
Ashbrook Neighborhood Association	\$1,182.86	\$1,593.00
Autumnwood Community Association	\$3,000.00	\$3,653.00
Carmel Village II Homeowners Association	\$9,310.63	\$9,310.65
Chantilly Neighborhood Association	\$438.89	\$2,969.50
Colony Acres Homeowners Association	\$4,687.77	\$5,821.25
Cotswold Homes Condo Association	\$1,327.02	\$1,369.77
Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association	\$1,832.43	\$2,015.00
Eastway/Sheffield Neighbors, Inc.	\$2,998.94	\$3,055.00
Falconbridge Condominium Homeowners Association	\$1,039.63	\$2,548.00
Forest Ridge Homeowners Association	\$3,494.38	\$3,494.38
Fox Ridge Homeowners Association	\$3,210.00	\$3,210.00
Harris Lake Homeowners Association	\$292.34	\$819.00
Marlborough Woods Homeowners Association	\$300.00	\$312.00
Medford Acres Neighborhood Association	\$859.17	\$1,285.00
Morningside Neighborhood Association	\$1,498.45	\$1,621.00
Myers Park Neighborhood Association	\$786.02	\$786.02
Olde Cotswold Neighborhood Association	\$644.88	\$1,249.05
Park Plaza One Homeowners Association	\$2,213.00	\$2,431.00
Sharon Chase Homeowners Association	\$6,366.00	\$6,522.00
The Oaks Condominiums	\$405.00	\$587.00
University Park Neighborhood Association	\$1,750.32	\$12,334.00
Wesley Heights Community Association	\$9,020.00	\$9,106.00
Wyndham Place Community Association, Inc.	\$10,787.50	\$11,379.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,445.23</b>	<b>\$87,470.62</b>

**Organizational Development:** Projects that increase effectiveness and improve operations of existing neighborhood organizations or business associations. Examples may include membership recruitment campaigns and outreach tools such as newsletters, meeting signs, brochures and directories.

Neighborhood Name	Amount Awarded	Total Match Pledged
Country Club Heights Neighborhood Association	\$622.50	\$622.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$622.50</b>	<b>\$622.50</b>

No grants were awarded in the Recreational, Educational and Cultural Initiatives category in FY'09.



## Testimonials

The NMG staff has been really helpful with the application process and completing our Tree Banding project. Our trees were planted in 1954 and are essential to our property value.

**Jan Abrams**, *President, Cotswold Homes Condominium Association*

The great thing is ... how much you guys help us with the process. It is like you are there holding our hands, helping us so we can do everything the way it needs to be done so we can be successful. ... We cannot wait to get this project closed out so we can start on our next one!

**Beth Linkston**, *Project Contact, Falconbridge Condominium Association*

Since we've applied for a NMG to help jump start our neighborhood newsletter, our neighborhood association has become more visible and we've seen many improvements in our neighborhood. For example, our membership has increased and we've seen more residents making a better effort to maintain and improve their property. We are grateful to the NMG program and staff for assisting us in encouraging our residents to join together as we seek to improve our neighborhood.

**Carolyn Fuller**, *President, University Park Neighborhood Association*

The overview class clearly outlined the different steps and processes. Our grant monitor was available to help with any questions as well as to provide additional guidance.

**Chris Connor**, *President, Country Club Heights Neighborhood Association*

The NMG Tree Banding program has allowed us to take back our neighborhood. This year has seen a significant decrease in the worm population on the bands, so I know the program is working. The first year my wife and I moved to the neighborhood it was like walking through cobwebs. Now we can enjoy especially the spring outdoors without cankerworms falling on us.

**William McKee**, *President, Chantilly Neighborhood Association*



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