



EVANSTON
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*Evanston Cradle to Career's
Advocates for Action Presents...*

COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

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families.*



Thinking About Applying?

- *Who can apply?*
 - Current Evanston residents
 - Small volunteer-based neighborhood and community groups.
(Established nonprofits and businesses cannot apply.)
- *Attend One of the Following Workshops:*
 - Wednesday November 28th, 6pm at Family Focus
 - Saturday December 1st, 10am at Gibbs Morrison
 - Thursday December 6th & Tuesday December 11th, 6pm at Levy Center

For More Information Contact: kholmesross@evanstonc2c.org

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Community Building Grants-

Community Building Grants support individuals and groups who want to make their local communities better places to live and raise families. Local communities might be just one block or a larger neighborhood area or a group of community members who have shared experiences (for example, families who have children with special needs).

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The project has to be free, accessible, and welcoming to all. Groups can't charge entrance fees, request donations, or fundraise.

Community Building Grants Projects:

- 1. Connect and engage neighbors/Increase neighborhood residents sense of belonging and responsibility.**
Examples - Neighborhood Potlucks/Block Parties, Earth Day Activities, Community Clean Ups, Clothing and Toy Swaps
- 2. Share skills and knowledge, these projects celebrate the talents and knowledge of local residents and spread that knowledge.**
Examples - Cooking or craft demonstrations and lessons, Storytelling events, Community language lessons, Community Gardening.
- 3. Respect and celebrate residents' diversity.**
Examples are creating an event celebrating neighbors' different cultural traditions in food or art or music.
- 4. Give youth aged 18 to 24 the opportunity to take community leadership.**
Examples are youth-led community dialogues; youth-led advocacy campaigns, youth-led entrepreneur workshops.

Who can apply?

- Applicants must live in Evanston.
- Established nonprofits and businesses cannot apply. These grants are specifically for small volunteer-based neighborhood and community groups.

What can be in the Community Building Grant budget?

- Grant request can be for \$250 to \$1000. The review committee can recommend funding less than the request.
- When creating a budget, determine the actual cost of items to be used.
- Grant money can be used to pay people for specific services to help with the project (also called an honorarium). Total honorariums can't be more than 35% of the total budget.
- The group awarded a grant is responsible for keeping receipts to account for project costs.
- If a project is a public event that will need a permit and/or liability insurance, those costs can be included in the budget.

What are the criteria the Advocates for Action/Evanston Cradle to Career reviewers use to determine which grants to award?

1. Does this project fit one of the four project types listed above?
2. Will this project improve the local community?
3. Do the activities being proposed fit the goal of the project?

**Community Building Grant
Application for First Quarter 2019 Grants**

**Due Date: December 15, 2018
Grants awarded by January 15, 2019**

Names and contact information of applicants (add more if needed):

Name	Email	address	phone

Name of group (if there is one):

Amount requested (between \$250 and \$1000): _____

Tell us what you want to do:

Who will benefit from this project? How does it improve the local community?:

When will this project happen? Tell us the timeline.

What else would you like the committee to know?

Check which of the grant categories your project first (check as many as apply):

Connect and engage neighbors. Increase neighborhood residents' sense of belonging and responsibility.

Share skills and knowledge with the community. Celebrate talents of local residents.

Respect and celebrate residents' diversity.

Give youth aged 18 to 24 the opportunity to engage in community leadership.

**Submit directly at a workshop or
Submit to Evanston Community Foundation at
schroeder@evanstonforever.org OR
1560 Sherman Suite 535 Evanston 60201**

