



LARIMER CONNECTS

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COMMUNITIES**

MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM

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GRANT DESCRIPTION: The Larimer Connects Program through the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management makes the “Connecting Our Communities” micro grants available to citizens throughout Larimer County to encourage more social connection and increased community resilience. This grant is awarded on a rolling basis during the year until grant funds run out – once funds are out for the year, they are out, and Larimer Connects will no longer be accepting applications.

GRANT AWARD AMOUNTS:

The micro grants run between **\$250 – 500** based on the type of activity you plan with your Neighbors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Funding preference is given to **community Groups or organizations**. This is because we are attempting to foster grassroots action and encourage residents to become more active and integrated into their community across Larimer County.

This can include such groups as:

- Neighborhood groups
- Volunteer groups
- Book clubs
- HOAs



HOWEVER, Non-profits or Volunteer Fire Districts will be considered for funding if no community groups apply or are deemed eligible for funding by seasonal deadline.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND/OR ACTIVITIES:

We strongly encourage creativity!

Some projects or ideas considered to be eligible include:

- **Projects:** *Community Garden, HAM Radio Equipment Assistance, Neighborhood Tree Planting Day, Etc*
- **Workshops:** *Educational or Project-Based*
- **Events:** *Neighborhood Movie Night, Neighborhood Block Parties, Potlucks, Etc.*
- **Activity:** *Community Evacuation Drill, Neighborhood Clean Up*
- **Other:** *Eligibility to be determined on a case-by-case basis*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, TERMS, & CONDITIONS

1. **Residents of Fort Collins and Loveland are considered ineligible to apply.** Fort Collins residents can seek funding through the [Neighborhood Services Micro-Grant Program](#).
2. **Everyone in the neighborhood must be included.** While not every neighbor is required to attend, we require that all neighbors must be made aware of the event and invited. Discrimination of any kind is strictly prohibited. Applicants must be prepared to provide documentation that demonstrates all members of the neighborhood were contacted and invited to receive full reimbursement.
3. **Private Property:** If the event is held on private property, the applicant must receive written permission from the property owner.
4. **Permits.** If the event is going to require closure of streets (i.e. a neighborhood block party), the applicant must secure a special events permit.
5. **Funding may NOT be used for the following purposes:**
 - Purchase and/or sale of alcohol or marijuana
 - Political Activities
 - Maintenance Expenses
 - HOA Business Expenses
 - Improvements to Private Property
 - Activities that only Benefit a Few People on the Block

EVALUATION OF APPLICATION

Larimer County Office of Emergency Management and Larimer Connects determine the eligibility of Connecting our Communities grants. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and are evaluated under the following considerations:

- How much the event promotes **social connection** and **resiliency culture**
- How well applicants plan to engage their neighbors
- Whether efforts are made to marginalized groups
- Number of people included/size of event
- Creativity of event or activity
- Demonstration of collaboration
- Goals of the event or activity

TO RECEIVE FULL REIMBURSEMENT

In order to receive full reimbursement, within 30 days of the activity/project/event completion, applicant must do the following:

- Provide a one-two page report of the activity/project/event that includes how the event turned out and describing the impacts of the event on the community
- Turn in a reimbursement package that includes the following required documentation:
 - All receipts from purchases made for activity/project/event
 - Copy of required special events permits (if applicable)
 - Documentation demonstrating that all neighbors were made aware and invited to the event
 - A completed W-9 Form