

## Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program Summary

The Neighborhood Improvement Grant program is intended to give residents an opportunity to have direct input and influence into the improvement of Valparaiso's neighborhoods. The goal is to bring neighborhoods together and to increase partnerships between neighborhoods and the city through positive improvement projects. Neighborhood Grants are funded by the Redevelopment Commission and administered by the Community Engagement Department.

### 2018

- 9 Grant Applications Submitted
- \$99,517 Requested
- 8 Projects Received Funding
- \$55,500 Awarded (\$60,000 Budget)
- \$13,500 Matching Investments
- \$68,500 Total Impact

### 2019

- 14 Grant Applications Submitted
- \$153,255 Requested
- 14 Projects Received Funding
- \$132,570 Awarded (\$100,000 Budget)
- \$33,840 Additional Investments
- \$179,510 Total Impact

75% Increase in  
Number of Grant  
Awards

139% Increase in  
Dollars Awarded

162% Increase in  
Total Community  
Impact

100% of participants that responded to the 2019 feedback survey:

- felt that they were able to submit a meaningful project within the program guidelines
- will apply for grants in the future if funds are available
- were "very satisfied" with the materials, support from city staff, facilitation assistance and the review process/timeline



*"This grant opportunity shows residents that the city government values their input, wants to know where problems exist and provides financial assistance." – Chandana Point*

*"Great program! I've learned a lot about working with city departments and have been happy with the listening and feedback I've received. Hope this kind of working together continues." – Audubon Estates*