

FINE GRANTS

FINE Grants are one way that NENA supports the North End neighborhood. These grants are meant to support the initiation, planning, and implementation of projects that strengthen the neighborhood and support projects developed and implemented by community members.

Grants of *up to \$500 per applicant* are available for a wide variety of projects to make the North End a better place to live, work, and recreate. Recent grants have included funding for a community garden, traffic-safety signs, sidewalk stamps and air conditioners for elderly residents.

NENA intends to award up to 10 \$500 FINE grants per year, with applicant review and action taken on a quarterly basis. The funds for this grant program come directly from our annual neighborhood fundraiser, the Hyde Park Street Fair.

FINE Grant applications will be submitted directly to and reviewed by the NENA AID & GRANTS Committee. Recommendations for funding will be presented to the NENA Board on a quarterly basis, at board meetings held in January, April, July, and October.

There may be special circumstances that justify making recommendations to the NENA Board for consideration at other monthly meetings, such as an emerging urgent need or innovative idea that is time sensitive. If this special circumstance arises a full presentation at a monthly meeting to allow membership input as well as a notification on the NENA website and facebook page of said presentation at least one week prior to the meeting is required.

DEADLINES:

Grant requests to be presented at the January monthly meeting must be received before the November monthly meeting and the request announced at said November meeting for the membership to be aware and ready to offer comments before and at the April monthly meeting.

Grant requests to be presented at the April monthly meeting must be received before the March monthly meeting and the request announced at said March meeting for the membership to be aware and ready to offer comments before and at the April monthly meeting.

Grant requests to be presented at the July monthly meeting must be received before the June monthly meeting and the request announced at said June meeting for the membership to be aware and ready to offer comments before and at the July monthly meeting.

Grant requests to be presented at the October monthly meeting must be received before the September monthly meeting and the request announced at said September meeting for the membership to be aware and ready to offer comments before and at the October monthly meeting.

FINE Grant Guidelines:

- Activities must be executed within the North End Neighborhood Association boundaries specified in the NENA bylaws (State Street north to Hill Road, and from 4th Street on the east to 28th Street on the west).
- Applicants must live or work within these boundaries.
- Activities should be directly sponsored and implemented by neighbors and not-for-profit entities and does not exclusively support for-profit entities. It should involve community members in creating and completing the project.
- Activities should be limited to projects that benefit a reasonable number of residents who live or work within the neighborhood boundaries. It should create community improvements.
- Activities should be free and open to all members of the neighborhood.
- Activities should be feasible and ready to start within 1-2 months from award date.
- Activities with a “community match” in the form of volunteer hours and materials are desirable.

FINE Grant Application Process:

- Application should be no longer than two pages and include the following information:
- Name, phone number, e-mail and address of organization and contact person.
- Mission of organization, if applicable.
- Purpose and need, with sufficient detail on what activities will be and how these activities will achieve the grant purpose.
- North End Impact: Why/how will your request make the North End a better place?
- Timeline: A summary of starting and completion dates, and other relevant milestones.

Submission details: Mail completed applications to:

NENA Fine Grants
P.O. Box 1235
Boise, ID 83701

OR email to: board@northendboise.org

Board Action:

The NENA Board will review recommendations presented by the NENA AID & GRANTS Committee for FINE Grant applications on a quarterly basis, at monthly meetings scheduled in January, April, July, and October. Applicants are welcome to attend the Board meetings, but are not required to do so.

Applicants are encouraged to make a presentation at the monthly board meeting their grant request will be discussed.

SCHOOL GRANTS

NENA awards annual grants, up to \$1,000, to neighborhood elementary schools. Applications for school grants will be sent directly to school principals.

School Grant Guidelines:

- Schools must be located within the North End Neighborhood Association boundaries.
- Schools must be public schools, tuition free for all students.
- Activities must be executed within the neighborhood boundaries.
- Application must be approved by appropriate school administrator (principal).
- Activities must have a clear educational impact and/or significantly impact teachers and students.
- Activities should be limited to projects that benefit a reasonable number of residents who live or work within the neighborhood boundaries.

DEADLINE:

No later than 3 days after the monthly meeting at which the NENA budget is set for the year, the schools should be contacted with the school grant application information. Requesting Grant Request be received no later than the day before the next monthly meeting.

School Grant requests will be presented at the NENA monthly meeting following the monthly meeting when the budget was set and a decision will be made at that meeting or at the following meeting depending on public support and comments.

Example: NENA monthly meeting in January sets the budget for the year. No later than 3 days after that meeting schools are contacted. The deadline for receiving the school grants applications will be the day before the February monthly meeting. Presentation of

the school grants request will occur at the February meeting. Decisions to award can occur at said meeting or at the March monthly meeting to allow for more public input.

School Grant Application Process:

- Application should be no longer than two pages and include the following information:
- Name, phone number, e-mail and address of applicant and relationship to school.
- Purpose and need, with sufficient detail on what activities will be involved and how these activities will achieve the grant purpose.
- Amount requested should include documentation to justify budget.
- North End Impact: Why/how will your request make the North End a better place?
- Timeline: A summary of starting and completion dates, and other relevant milestones.

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OTHER GRANTS

There may be other grants that NENA supports that do not come directly from the NENA budget. These applications will be considered on a case by case basis but must directly benefit North End neighbors and not for-profit entities.