

Community Greenspace  
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# Community Greenspace

Restore  
your community

Project  
Guidelines

The Community Foundation  
for Greater New Haven

The City of New Haven  
Livable Cities Initiative

The New Haven Urban  
Resources Initiative

We invite you to apply for a Community Greenspace grant to support you and your neighbors' efforts to revitalize your community. Parks, abandoned lots, public and private housing associations, neglected front yards and curb strips are some of the spaces residents choose to plant and maintain.

**Neighbors determine where and what kind of project they wish to undertake.**



**Neighborhood members planting shrubs provided by the program**

The Community Greenspace Program supports projects that better unite a community. Citizens working on common space projects, such as vacant lots, parks and curb strips are successful in achieving that goal. Projects that focus on tree planting have better long-

term survival rates and greater environmental impacts than those projects using only flowers and shrubs. These kinds of projects also have more dramatic visual impact and result in greater change in the neighborhood.

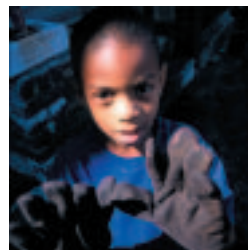
**Therefore, residents wishing to devote themselves to vacant lots, parks, common space or tree planting projects will be given greater priority for grant support.**

The Community Greenspace Award includes both materials and technical resources. Supplies and equipment that are available through the program include: plant material (trees, perennial flowering plants and shrubs) and gardening supplies (compost, soil, mulch and tools). Technical assistance includes the services of a community forester assigned to support your group to develop and implement your neighborhood open space design. The community forester also helps neighbors to conduct an inventory of existing trees, advises on appropriate species selections and guides planting and maintenance techniques. In addition to the support of a community forester, training workshops will be offered and landscape architects are available as needed.



## Application Process

1. Grant support is offered to neighborhood-based groups, such as blockwatches, neighborhood groups and youth organizations. Individuals are not eligible for support.
2. All groups applying for a Community Greenspace grant must attend an Application Workshop. Date: TBA at the Community Foundation, 70 Audubon St.
3. Submit a completed application plus 4 copies. All supporting materials (photos, letters of support, etc.) should be attached only to the original applications.
4. All applications to the Community Greenspace Program will be subject to a review process. The Community Foundation and the City will screen the applications for eligibility. New Haven Urban Resources Initiative (URI) reviews and advises on the applicant selection. The Neighborhood Program Committee then will review applications and make recommendations and the Boards of Directors of The Community Foundation will review the recommendations and make final decisions on funding.
5. Successful applicants will be notified by mail on the Board's decision.



**Children are an important part of the planting effort.**



New Haven received the title of "2003 All-American City," an award bestowed upon ten communities in the United States. The Community Greenspace Program was a key component in achieving national recognition for our city.

## Partnerships

This program is a collaborative partnership between neighbors and:

**The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven** provides funding, coordinates the application process and has continual outreach with the neighborhood groups.

**The City of New Haven's Livable Cities Initiative** provides funding and works with neighborhood groups to address needed restoration projects such as rehabilitation or removal of blighted houses.

**The New Haven Urban Resources Initiative** in collaboration with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, serves as technical advisor to the program and works as field staff with neighborhood groups. URI provides skills in urban forestry and community development, and handles all purchasing and delivery of plant materials and tools.

*Note: The City of New Haven Public Works Department, the Regional Water Authority and the United Illuminating Company also provide support to the Community Greenspace Program.*

## Purpose

The Community Greenspace Program's purpose is to enhance the ability of New Haven residents to improve their neighborhoods through:

**Community building**—to create connections to ensure close communication and cooperation among neighbors.

**Environmental Restoration**—to increase plants and trees in neighborhoods to create a more livable and healthy community.

**Stewardship**—to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility for street trees, open spaces and the natural resources in neighborhoods.