

Program Name	Program Description	Program Eligibility	City Department	Program Contact (Name/Partner Org)	Program Contact Details (Email/Phone)	Program Website	Additional Comments	Application Date
Business / Neighborhood Support								
Business Improvement Program	This cost share beautification program is offered to registered Business Districts and Community Councils to assist in the care of flower pots within the street scape. Upon entering into a contract, the Park Board installs three seasonal flower displays and provides annual maintenance of the pots. Business Districts and Community Councils are responsible for providing the pots, soil, and half the cost of planting and annual maintenance (currently at \$330 per pot, per year).	Program limited to registered Business Districts and Communtiy Councils with the City of Cincinnati	Parks	Crystal Courtney, Parks Division of Natural Resources Division Manager and Ann Uhlman, Parks Division of Natural Resources, Greenspace District Crew Leader	crystal.courtney@cincinnati-oh.gov ann.uhlman@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 861-9070	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/natural-resources/greenspace/	Parks currently services 28+ districts with 3 annual container displays: Spring, Summer, Fall/Winter. Current waitlist.	Contracts initiated in October.
Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program	This program provides resources for catalytic projects within the City's neighborhoods. Projects funded through this program are evaluated based on their ability to create a catalytic impact to stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods.	For profit, not-for-profit, hybrid, and sole proprietorships are eligible.	Department of Community and Economic Development	Greg Koehler - Department of Community and Economic Development	Greg.Koehler@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-catalytic-capital-investment-rfp/	Predevelopment funding for projects that need soft cost resources to advance to the construction phase of the project. The maximum request is \$100,000.	Applications traditionally open in July and is due in early September.
Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP)	NBDIP is an award-winning program that allocates annual funding for improvement projects that attract and retain small businesses in all Cincinnati neighborhood business districts (NBDs). It can directly benefit a business district with parking additions, façade improvements, or building renovations. It can also provide indirect benefits by funding streetscapes or wayfinding signage to make the district more appealing to customers and residents.	Must be a recognized community organization representing a recognized neighborhood business district. Annual guidelines are published on website on application requirements.	Department of Community and Economic Development	Bob Bertsch and Diana Vakharia- Department of Community and Economic Development	Robert.Bertsch@cincinnati-oh.gov Diana.Vakharia@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-business-district-improvement-program-nbdip/	Applications traditionally released in January	Applications open and pre-applications due in Q3 of FY (January - March)
Operating Support for Community Development Corporations (CDCs)	This program provides operating support to build and strengthen capacity of eligible non-profit Community Development Corporations (CDCs). Eligible entities serve the region through developing affordable housing units, performing commercial and economic development, addressing public facilities and streetscape activities, violence prevention / reduction, neighborhood safety, and increasing community engagement in the neighborhoods.	Must be a recognized community development corporation within the City of Cincinnati. HOMEBASE as a service provider sets the operating support grant parameters through General Fund, CDBG and HOME	Department of Community and Economic Development	Bob Bertsch and Joseph Malek - Department of Community and Economic Development	Robert.Bertsch@cincinnati-oh.gov Joseph.Malek@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://www.homebasecincy.org/programs-and-services/operational-support-grant	Program Delivered by Homebase Cincinnati	Opens in Spring; available for CDC member organizations.
Environment								
Urban Agriculture	Mini-grants to support urban agriculture production and growing sites as well as local food aggregation distribution sites within the City and achieve the food goals and recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.	Location of the growing site or distribution site must be within the City of Cincinnati. Applicants can be non-profit organizations or for-profit businesses and other entities may be considered.	Office of Environment and Sustainability	Robin Henderson - Office of Environment and Sustainability	robin.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 352-5340	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/food/urban-agriculture/	Amount awarded varies year to year based on available funding. No funding for individuals.	Applications traditionally due in December.
GCP Seeds of Change Grant Program	The Green Cincinnati Plan (GCP) Seeds of Change Grant Program aims to help communities take steps toward a more sustainable and equitable future. The program encourages residents and partners to initiate projects that prioritize the environment and resilience in Cincinnati. The focus is on supporting resident-driven solutions that help those most affected by climate change in the city and bring the GCP to life in new ways.	1) Impact within the city limits; 2) Nonprofit status or fiscal sponsor in place; 3) Grassroots/Community-based effort with budget under \$500k; 4) Project must be able to be completed within 6 months of award.	Office of Environment and Sustainability	Molly Robertshaw - OES	molly.robertshaw@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/green-cincinnati-plan/seeds-of-change-grant-program/	Different rounds have slightly different emphases and requirements, so please refer to the website for more information	Multiple; Refer to website

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Housing								
Quick Strike Acquisition Program for CDCs	This program provides assistance for property acquisition by neighborhood serving non-profit organizations in furtherance of community building, housing, and economic development	Any neighborhood business association, community council, community development corporation or community-based organization housed within a Cincinnati neighborhood for at least five years, and organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes as set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or is registered with the State of Ohio Secretary of State as a non-profit organization and licensed to operate its organization in the State of Ohio. Funding can be used for cost of acquisition and associated soft costs of due diligence	Department of Community and Economic Development	Bob Bertsch and Joseph Malek - Department of Community and Economic Development	Robert.Bertsch@cincinnati-oh.gov Joseph.Malek@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://www.homebasecincy.org/quick-strike-acquisition-and-project-support-fund	Program Delivered by Homebase Cincinnati	Opens in Summer.
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)	The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) loan program provides residential developers with gap financing with flexible terms for transformative housing projects that will make positive, visible impacts on our communities.	Varies year-to-year based on available resources. See NOFA Guidelines on website for applicable year.	Department of Community and Economic Development	Breanna White and Morgan Rahe - Department of Community and Economic Development	Breanna.white@cincinnati-oh.gov Morgan.rahe@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/real-estate-development/notice-of-funding-availability/	Applications and guidelines traditionally released in February	Applications traditionally open in February and due in May.
Essential Services	Essential Services is a new property maintenance code enforcement program that will help reduce the number of evacuations of residential tenants due to unsafe conditions within residential rental properties. The program will allow us to remediate the failure of essential building facilities, such as heat, electrical, and fire safety exiting facilities, within residential rental buildings on an emergency basis.	Any property owner, with residential occupants, who have failed to remediate a hazardous condition and would thus be forced to vacate the resident occupants.	Department of Buildings and Inspections	Helen Hill	helen.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov 352-1911	Buildings - Buildings (cincinnati-oh.gov)	Focus on Safe and Affordable Housing, Housing Preservation, and Public Safety; Newly funded program for FY 2024	Open on an ongoing basis.
Avondale Rehabilitation Pilot Program	The program is a grant based program to assist small scale landlords who own 5 rental units or less (5 doors)	Process still in development. The owner must be a city of cincinnati resident and own 5 doors or less total. The address being serviced are on Lexington, Rockdale or Hutchinson streets. Owner must complete rental restration and landlord education training.	Department of Buildings and Inspections	Helen Hill	helen.hill@cincinnati-oh.gov 352-1911	Buildings - Buildings (cincinnati-oh.gov)	\$500,000 grant program, contract with Max Construction Group executed September 2025	Open on an ongoing basis.
Human Services								
Boots on the Ground Fund	To strengthen the capacity of small, community-based organizations. To create more equitable solutions by prioritizing inclusion, community voice, and engagement with leaders of color and those with lived experience.	Is classified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization or collaborates with and utilizes a fiscal agent that is specifically identified in the application. Has an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million. Has a principal place of business within and serves the needs of neighborhoods within the geographic boundaries of the City of Cincinnati. Demonstrates service to one or more neighborhoods within the geographic boundaries of the City of Cincinnati in select areas.	City Manager's Office	Adison Nelson - The Greater Cincinnati Foundation	adison.nelson@gcfdn.org (513) 768-6108	https://www.gcfdn.org/rfp/	Priorities include access to affordable, healthy food, access to health care & public health, Gun violence & gang prevention, Homelessness prevention & access to affordable housing, Mental Health, behavioral health & substance use services, Workforce development, Youth development.	RFP opens in CY Q4 (October, November, December)
Community Preventive Education Grant	CPD partners with local non-profit organizations that will provide support and encourage community-based drug and alcohol preventative education programs.	Organization/program needs to have a footprint within the City of Cincinnati.	Police	Josh Drake - Police Finance Management	CPDFiscal@cincinnati-oh.gov or joshua.drake@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 352-2586	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/community-involvement/community-preventive-education-program/		Applications are accepted twice a year: April & October.
Human Services Fund	Through priority initiatives, the City seeks to partner with local organizations to collaboratively use their data to better understand the problems facing Cincinnati residents. By introducing specific, measurable priorities and leveraging city leadership and departmental resources, we can build a stronger and healthier City, together.	Agencies must be 501(c)(3) organizations compliant with licensing, accreditation, and legal requirements. Non-profit organizations do not need to be physically located in the City of Cincinnati, but City of Cincinnati Human Services funds may only be used to support city residents.	City Manager's Office	Amy Weber - United Way of Greater Cincinnati	amy.weber@uwgc.org (513) 762-7164	https://www.uwgc.org/for-nonprofits/funding-opportunities	Evaluation criteria: demonstrates a strong collaboration of multiple community partners or stakeholders; demonstrates the capacity to implement the proposed project within the time period and proposed budget; and demonstrates the experience and expertise to implement the proposed services and provide culturally responsive services to targeted communities (lived experience, representation of staff in comparison to the community, and professional education, experience, expertise)	For FY 2024-2025, 68 agencies received funding in 3 priority service areas identified by Council: Workforce initiatives (25), Youth Gun Violence Prevention (24), and Housing Stability (19). The Impact Award was awarded to Strategies to End Homelessness and 8 subgrantees
Leveraged Support Application Process	The City of Cincinnati provides financial support to specific programs or for the general operations of organizations that perform a service benefiting Cincinnati residents. Organizations are expected to leverage funding from the City with additional financial resources – either raised from other governmental or private entities or as earned revenue from providing a service.	The applicant must be an existing organization that has at minimum three years of audited financial statements or federal tax returns and must not be debarred from contracting or subcontracting with the City.	City Manager's Office	Tonia Smith - City Manager's Office	tonia.smith@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 352-5361	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/budget/leveraged-support/	The City Manager will evaluate recommendations based on the following criteria: 1. Leverage – The extent that the City’s funds are being leveraged by other public or private sources generated by the applicant. The higher the amount of City funding requested, the higher the expectation will be for leveraging. 2. Impact – The historic and projected impact of the applicant’s services, the applicant’s demonstrated capacity to timely and effectively deliver the services, and the efficiency in use of funds to maximize funding committed to program delivery. 3. Strategic Goal Alignment – The extent that the applicant’s provided services align with the strategic goals of the City Administration and Elected Officials in addressing identified public needs or other gaps in services needed by City residents.	Annual application to open Q3 of FY (January through March)
Safety/Blight Removal								
Safe and Clean	Support and encourage community-based efforts to improve neighborhood safety, eliminate blight, and increase livability through problem solving projects.	Grants applications will be accepted from a wide variety of community groups and organizations for one-time costs associated with projects that improve safety and livability of a community. Full eligibility guidelines available on website.	City Manager's Office	Ty Wesselkamper - Keep Cincinnati Beautiful	ty@keepcincinnatibeautiful.org	https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/resources/safe-and-clean/	Quarterly application windows.	Quarterly application windows (January, May, September)