

Program Name	Program Description	Program Eligibility	City Department	Program Contact (Name/Partner Org)
Business / Neighborhood Support				
Business Improvement Program	Beautification program offered to registered Business Districts with the City of Cincinnati. Included is planting, watering, fertilizing, damage control, litter, and general maintenance.	Program limited to registered Business Districts 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
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	Diana Vakharia - Department of Community and Economic Development
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 - Department of Community and Economic Development
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
Housing				
Energy Efficiency Matching Grants for Building Owners	Small, 1:1 matching grants (<\$5k) to support energy efficiency upgrades to low-income, multifamily properties. The goal of the program is to save electricity to reduce energy poverty.	Buildings with 2 or more residential units; located within the City of Cincinnati; currently inhabited property; tenants under 200% FPL and have Duke Energy bills in own name; check website for more criteria.	Office of Environment and Sustainability	Molly Robertshaw - Office of Environment and Sustainability
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)	The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) loan program provides residential developers with long-term, low, fixed-rate financing 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	Roy Hackworth - Department of Community and Economic Development
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
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
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

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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	Angie Wright - City Manager's Office
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	Ania Cosby - Keep Cincinnati Beautiful

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Business Improvement Program	crystal.courtney@cincinnati-oh.gov ann.uhlman@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 861-9070		Parks currently services 28+ districts with 3 annual container displays: Spring, Summer, Fall/Winter.
Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program	diana.vakharia@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-catalytic-capital-investment-rfp/	There are two application pools: 1) Early Action RFP targets transformative neighborhood project proposals that have not yet secured the majority of funding needed for construction. The maximum request is \$100,000. 2) Project Implementation RFP targets transformative neighborhood project proposals that have secured the majority of funding needed for construction. There is no minimum or maximum dollar request limit for the Project Implementation category of funds.
Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP)	Robert.Bertsch@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-business-district-improvement-program-nbdip/	Applications traditionally released in January
Environment			
Urban Agriculture	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.
Housing			
Energy Efficiency Matching Grants for Building Owners	molly.robertshaw@cincinnati-oh.gov (513) 352-5320	https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/oes/energy-equity/energy-equity-programs/	Rolling applications with 2 review dates a year. Funded by Duke Energy, facilitated by the City of Cincinnati
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)	Roy.Hackworth@cincinnati-oh.gov	https://choosecincy.com/real-estate-development/notice-of-funding-availability/	Applications traditionally released in April
Human Services			
Boots on the Ground Fund	adison.nelson@gcfdn.org (513) 768.6108	https://www.gcfdn.org/rfp/	RFP opened October 1, proposals due October 31 (first RFP). Priority areas of homelessness prevention, gun violence, mental health services, and access for vulnerable residents.
Community Preventive Education Grant	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 every year: once in April and once in October.
Human Services Fund	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)

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Leveraged Support Application Process	angela.wright@cincinnati-oh.gov 513-352-5335	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.
Safety/Blight Removal			
Safe and Clean	ania@keepcincinnatibeautiful.org (513) 352-4384	https://www.keepcincinnatibeautiful.org/resources/safe-and-clean/	Quarterly application windows.