

# Town of Cary Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program (NIGP)

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## General Overview

- The goal of the NIGP is to strengthen Cary's neighborhoods by bringing neighborhood residents together to complete projects that address community needs and that benefit the neighborhood or the community at large.
- The NIGP offers up to \$5,000 in grant funds per project with an annual budget of \$30,000.
- An application must be submitted and reviewed by Cary staff to confirm project eligibility and availability of funds. If approved, the applicant(s) will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the Town.
- In the event that a grant award does not cover full project costs, neighborhoods may contribute additional funding. In this case, the neighborhood's contribution(s) should be outlined in the project budget.



## Project Guidelines

In order to receive grant funds from the Town, the project must meet the following minimum guidelines:

1. The project must have support of the HOA or Neighborhood Association (where applicable).
2. The project should provide a public benefit that is free, open, or available to all members of the community.
3. As much as possible, projects should be initiated, planned, and implemented by the applying neighborhood. The HOA or Neighborhood Association may hire private contractors to assist with projects when appropriate.
4. The project must comply with all Town codes and conform to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
5. The project must obtain all Town permits required for construction (changes to development plan, sign permit, etc.)
6. Future maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant or a designee.
7. Unless otherwise noted, projects must be completed within six months of approval.
8. An HOA/Neighborhood may only receive a grant once every 5 fiscal years (July 1 - June 30).

