

Orange County's ReNEW Program (Residents and Neighborhoods Empowered to Win) provides direct funding to support and assist citizens and organizations in improving the physical and social quality of neighborhoods. Funding is available in the form of grants to help organizations revitalize and preserve their neighborhoods. The grants program is only one component of the overall strategy to strengthen and regenerate neighborhoods in the County.

Neighborhood Grant Advisory Board

- The Neighborhood Grant Advisory Board (NGAB) is a seven-member panel of citizens that oversee the grant programs from selection of winners to the completion of projects. The board meets once a month to conduct its duties.
- The committee reviews applications and conducts site visits.

Orange County's Neighborhood Strategies

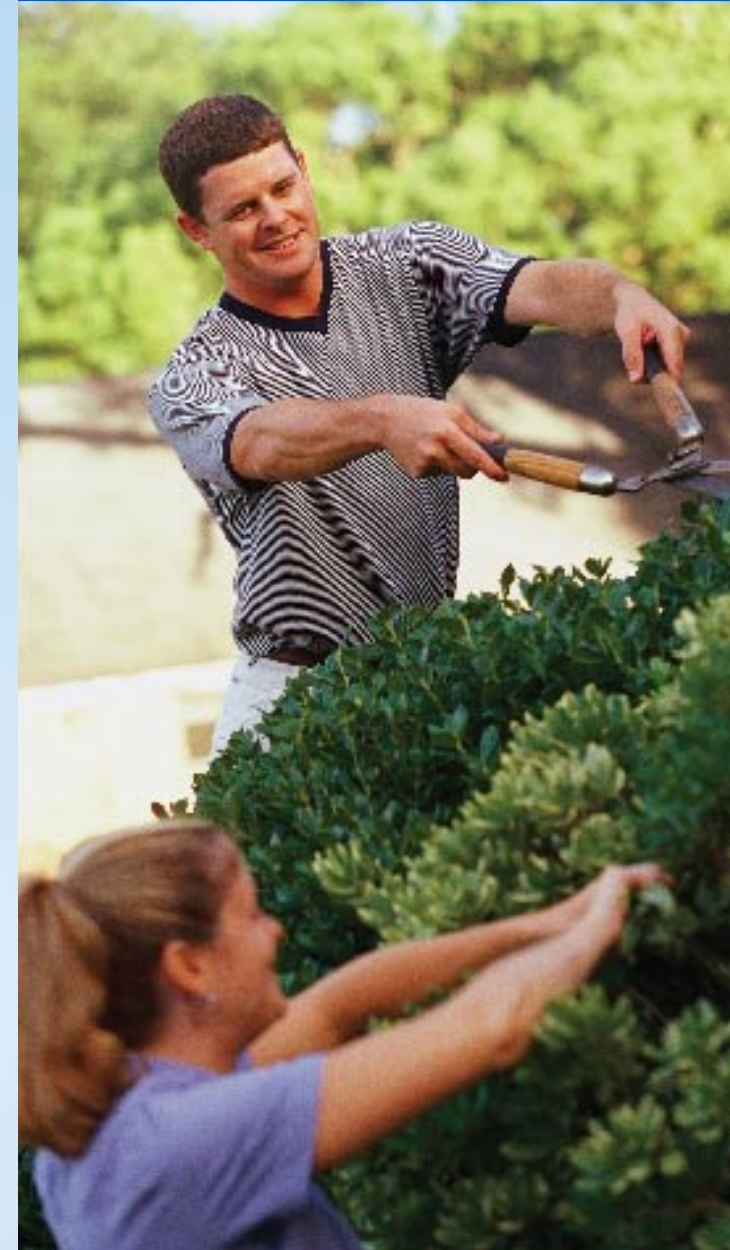
- Assist in Organizing Citizens
- Provide Grants for Neighborhood Enhancements
- Provide Specific Capital Improvements
- Strengthen Code Enforcement
- Target Vulnerable and Blighted Areas
- Actively Pursue State and Federal Funding


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ReNEW GRANT PROGRAMS

ReNEW GRANTS

- ❖ Grant awards are available countywide in amounts between \$1,000 and \$25,000.
- ❖ All physical improvement projects must be located along a major thoroughfare.
- ❖ Project must be visible and/or open for public use or enjoyment
- ❖ Projects must be completed within six months from initial funding.
- ❖ All grant recipients must sign maintenance agreements.
- ❖ There are no limits on the number of applications an organization may submit. However, awards are limited to one per organization per calendar year.
- ❖ Organizations may not be awarded more than two consecutive years at a time.

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- ❖ Entranceway improvements
- ❖ Landscaping and irrigation
- ❖ Signage
- ❖ Community gardens
- ❖ Speed Humps and Traffic Islands*
- ❖ Newsletters

(*Subject to approval of a Municipal Service Taxing Unit)

For more information, please call
407-836-2917 or 407-836-5606.

You can also visit our Internet site at:

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/neighborhoods>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Must be an organized neighborhood association, homeowner association, council, or non-profit organization located in Orange County.
- ❖ Must be registered with the Orange County Neighborhood Services Division.
- ❖ Must have a Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).
- ❖ Must have 10 registered and committed volunteers
- ❖ Must have democratically elected officers and must not illegally discriminate based on sex, race, ethnicity, age, religion or sexual orientation.
- ❖ Must have its Board of Directors, or Executive Board, or voting members vote on and approve the grant application and matching funds before submission.
- ❖ Organizations are encouraged to attend our grant workshops held yearly in each Orange County district. Attendees will receive extra points on applications.

MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Total Project Cost	Contribution Percentage
\$1000 - \$5000	5%
\$6000 - \$10,000	35%
Over \$10,000	50%

Projects in targeted areas require only a 25% cash match on projects over \$6,000.

In-kind donations are limited to 20% of total project cost.

WHEN TO APPLY

- ❖ Year-Round Submittals*
- ❖ Applications Considered:
February-May
August-November

- ❖ Multiple Opportunities to Apply

**Grant proposals are not reviewed in January, June, July, & December*

APPROVAL PROCESS

- ❖ Reviewed by staff, scored and ranked
- ❖ Submitted to Neighborhood Grants Advisory Board (NGAB)
- ❖ Final approval by Board of County Commissioners

SUCCESSFUL GRANT WRITING TIPS

- ❖ Provide everything that is required
- ❖ Use checklists
- ❖ Think from a reviewer's perspective (Remember it is a competitive grant!)
- ❖ Be specific, thorough, and detailed but be concise!
- ❖ Emphasize the positive outcomes
- ❖ Partnerships are important