



Community LIFT Memphis Empowerment Fund 2020

Community LIFT's Memphis Empowerment Fund Grant is designed to build grassroots leadership capacity by supporting neighborhood-based projects with funding and technical assistance. We envision this support will lead to an increased belief that people can make a difference through grassroots efforts; more people engaged in innovative solutions to improve neighborhoods; more residents working towards collective action; increased economic activity in under-resourced neighborhoods; and more advocates for investment in under-resourced areas.

Applicants are awarded up to \$2500 for neighborhood improvement projects. Interested in applying? You must attend an Information Session before submitting an application. [Information session registration opens Tuesday, January 14, 2020.](#)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Project must take place in Memphis, TN.
- Individual residents, property or business owners, neighborhood associations, or grassroots, place-based groups (total org budget must be less than \$30,000) are eligible to apply.
- Project must be carried out in the applicant's neighborhood (applies to resident, neighborhood association, business owner or nonprofit group with budget under \$30,000)
- Project must focus on 1 of the 4 areas: People, Physical, Economic, Grassroots Organizing

PROJECTS/ITEMS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

1. Youth-based programs, including after-school, summer camp, recreational camps or programs
2. Costs incurred before funding is awarded
3. General operating costs (if non-profit organization)
4. Individual elementary or secondary schools
5. Alcoholic beverages, gifts or prizes
6. General miscellaneous or contingency funding
7. Contributions or donations to other entities
8. Fines and penalties
9. Lobbying
10. Marketing expenses not associated with the project

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

- Application opens [Monday, March 2, 2020](#)
- Application closes [Friday, April 10, 2020.](#)
- Applications can be completed via our online form or a downloadable Word document.

GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

All applications will go through a review process by a grants review committee. Projects will be evaluated based on **Community Need, Resident Input, Budget, and Project Plan.**

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE

- Awards will be announced on [Tuesday, June 30, 2020.](#)

For more information visit our website at www.communitylift.org. You may also contact Nefertiti Orrin by phone at 901-521-4232 ext. 227 or by email at nefertiti@communitylift.org.