



Community LIFT Memphis Empowerment Fund 2023

The Memphis Empowerment Fund Grant is designed to provide support for neighborhood-based community projects that improve the built environment, expand social connections or community networks, promote economic development, or promote community advocacy. Grant awards are up to \$2500 per project.

NOTE: All projects sponsored in part or entirely with Memphis Empowerment Fund dollars must be accessible to the public and benefit the broader community.

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

- Application opens **Monday, May 1, 2023**
- Application closes **Monday, May 30, 2023.**
- Applications can be completed using our grant portal. [Click this link to apply.](#)

If you are new to the grant process, we encourage you to attend an information session or contact Nefertiti Orrin at the email/phone listed below to learn more about the grant and determine if you are eligible to apply.

[Click this link to register for an information session:](#)

Information Session Dates and Times (All Information Sessions will be held virtually)

Wednesday, May 10: 4pm – 5pm

Thursday, May 11: 4pm – 5pm

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Project must take place in Memphis, TN. Projects in municipalities outside of Memphis are NOT eligible for funding.
- ✓ A resident, property owner, neighborhood association, or 501c3 place-based nonprofit. Nonprofits with total revenue in 2022 of less than \$30,000 are eligible to apply.
- ✓ Project must take place in the applicant's neighborhood as identified on the application form.
- ✓ Project must fit within one of the following categories: People, Physical, Economic or Grassroots Organizing

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES/GROUPS ARE 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. Religious or faith based organizations
6. Alcoholic beverages, gifts or prizes
7. General miscellaneous or contingency funding
8. Contributions or donations to other entities
9. Fines and penalties
10. Lobbying
11. Marketing expenses not associated with the project

GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a volunteer committee that includes community stakeholders. Projects will be evaluated based on **Community Need, Resident Input, Budget, and Implementation Plan.**

GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Awards will be announced on **Monday July 3, 2023.**

CONTACT US

If you have questions, please contact Nefertiti Orrin, Grants Director, nefertiti@communitylift.org or 901-545-5758