

**Calhoun Area Residents Action Group (CARAG)
Block Club Activities & Improvements Grant Program
Guidelines**

Grant Amount

Block Club Activities:

Activates that build connections amongst neighbors.

- \$200 for single block activities
- \$200 for each additional block
- \$800 maximum amount (4+ blocks)

CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)

Projects that build connections amongst neighbors, but primarily make physical improvements that increase safety and prevent crime.

- \$500 for single block projects
- \$500 for each additional block
- \$2,000 maximum amount (4+ blocks)

Requirements

- Applicants must reside, own a business or own property within the CARAG neighborhood boundaries (Hennepin Ave, Lyndale Ave, Lake St., W. 36th St.)
- Activities must build connections between neighbors. CPTED projects must also prevent crime through physical improvements.
- Projects must involve residents from 1 or more block clubs.
- There must be participation from at least 5 households per block for each project.
- One of each block's residents or property owners must be a "CCP/Safe" block leader or be willing to sign up for and complete the CCP/Safe block leader training.
- Applicants are required to provide a 10% match (a \$200 grant would require a \$20 match). The match can be provided through a dollar or volunteer time match. Volunteer time will be calculated at \$10.00/hr

Eligible Activities & Improvements

Examples: Block Club Activities

- Meeting Supplies: Nametags, pens, copies, paper, postage, etc.
- Event Supplies: decorations, balloons, games, door prizes, etc.
- Entertainment: musicians, performers, etc.
- Instructions/Classes: self-defense class, home safety demo
- Fix-up Supplies: paint, trash bags, dumpster rental
- Your Creative Ideas!

Examples: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- Planting vines to prevent graffiti
- Trimming or removing shrubs to eliminate hiding spots for criminals
- Alley Lighting (*Please contact CARAG for info about the Front of Home Lighting Grant Program)
- Your creative ideas!

Ineligible Expenses

- Food
- Activities or improvements performed by an individual household for personal benefit.

To Apply Submit the Following:

1. Activity or Project Description (Including how funds will be spent and match description)
2. Name of participants from each block
3. Contact info for lead program applicant

Send to:

CARAG 711 West Lake Street, Suite #303 Minneapolis, MN 55408

For more information call CARAG at 823-2520 or to learn about CCP/Safe block clubs contact Karen Abrahamson, CCP/Safe crime prevention specialist, at 673-2824.