



# Building Stronger Neighborhoods 2012 Grant Guidelines



*The Building Stronger Neighborhoods program, through neighborhood development and grantmaking, supports Greensboro neighborhoods as they mobilize assets to enhance community quality of life. BSN is supported by the Building Stronger Neighborhoods Coalition: Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, Cemala Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, Greensboro Public Library, Moses Cone-Wesley Long Community Health Foundation, and Weaver Foundation.*

## Who is eligible?

- A neighborhood group recognized as a representative organization of the neighborhood and with broad resident support within the neighborhood;
- A neighborhood group working in conjunction with an established nonprofit organization(s); and
- Generally, a group with limited financial resources.

## What types of projects are eligible?

- **Leadership development** projects to empower residents to make changes in their neighborhoods, and to assist in building infrastructure of neighborhood groups, including project management; facilitation training programs; leadership development training; financial planning and fundraising workshops; talent and personal development workshops.
- **Community-building activities within and between neighborhoods** that strengthen or expand personal connectivity by involving a broad representation of residents: i.e., Inter-neighborhood impact workshops; neighborhood organization development; neighborhood sharing workshops (project success stories; fundraising tips, crime prevention techniques, etc); inter-neighborhood summits.
- **Technical Competency projects** such as general computer literacy; website; database; newsletter design; media communications training; and training on use of free and low cost technology; partnerships with schools and colleges in assessing educational needs of neighborhoods.
- **Wellness, health, and green, projects** such community gardens; sustainability education programs; green education and programs; soft walking trails; health fairs; walking or exercise programs; programs to improve community access to care; as well as informational programs on nutrition and other targeted health issues; and health education and wellness programs.
- **Increase walkability of neighborhoods** through participation in Greenway projects, walking clubs, trails improvements and safety initiatives.
- **Youth, children and family** projects including athletic, cultural, community service, tutoring and mentoring programs.

### **What types of awards are available?**

Grants range from \$300 – \$3,000. Generally, neighborhood groups can receive up to two grants in a one-year period. However, the total amount awarded to a single group may not exceed \$5,000 within a 12-month period. Please note that submitting an application is not a guarantee of funding.

### **Where do I get an application?**

The *Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) Guidelines and Application* are available on the websites of the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress [www.gnc-nc.org](http://www.gnc-nc.org), the Community Foundation (CFGG) [www.cfgg.org](http://www.cfgg.org), and the Greensboro Neighborhood Information Center [www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/neighborhoods), and by email from the BSN Liaison at [bdnewt@yahoo.com](mailto:bdnewt@yahoo.com). It is also available by mail from the BSN Liaison (202-4309) or CFGG (379-9100), and at the CFGG office at 330 S Greene St. and at the Glenwood Public Library at 1901 W. Florida St.

### **How does the grant process work?**

Neighborhood groups interested in applying should have a representative attend one of the Grantseeker Workshops held at the Glenwood Public Library prior to each application due date. Attendance at one of these workshops is not required, but it is strongly recommended. The group should then fill out the application form and submit it to the address listed by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. (See the next page for workshop and application due dates.)

Once a grant is awarded, a partnership begins between BSN and the neighborhood group. Before a check is issued, grantees must sign the Grant Agreement Form that outlines expectations including: approved use of grant funds; reporting requirements (results of the project and accounting of funds used); and publicity guidelines. Copies of these items are available from the BSN Liaison at [bdnewt@yahoo.com](mailto:bdnewt@yahoo.com) or 202-4309.

Grantees are also required to complete a Grant Report Form at the end of the project for which they received funding. This form is due as soon as all grant funds have been expended but no later than 12 months after the grant is awarded. Subsequent proposals cannot be considered unless appropriate reporting forms have been completed for previously funded projects. Please contact the BSN Liaison to determine your eligibility status for funding before completing another application form. In special circumstances, grantees may request an extension of the deadline for using grants funds or a modification of how these funds are used. Contact the BSN Liaison for a copy of the appropriate form.

### **Are there any restrictions on how grant funds may be used?**

Grant funds may not be used to pay salaries for functions that have normally been or are done by volunteers. Grant funds are not intended to support operating budgets of nonprofit agencies working in neighborhoods; however, neighborhood groups may use these funds to contract services from these organizations as well as other professional consultants.

### **What kind of help is available for grants?**

Please direct questions on BSN grants to Donna Newton, BSN Liaison at [bdnewt@yahoo.com](mailto:bdnewt@yahoo.com) or at 202-4309.

Workshops on the BSN grant application are held approximately two weeks before each application deadline. The workshops are free, but pre-registration is requested. To register, contact Donna Newton at [bdnewt@yahoo.com](mailto:bdnewt@yahoo.com) or 202-4309.

**How do I contact the BSN grant administrative office?**

The administrative office for the Building Stronger Neighborhoods grant program is located at the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro:

Donna Newton, BSN Liaison  
330 South Greene Street, Suite 100 ("Foundation Place")  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
202-4309  
bdnewt@yahoo.com

**What is the schedule for BSN grants?**

Below is the 2012 schedule for BSN. Workshop Date is the date that a workshop on applying for a BSN grant will be held; Due Date is the date the application is due; Notification Date is the date applicants will be notified whether or not a grant has been awarded (Notification Date is not the date the grant funds are actually received).

<b><u>Cycle</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b> <i>Must be received at the Community Foundation</i>	<b><u>Workshop Date</u></b> <i>Workshops are held at Glenwood Library</i>	<b><u>Notification Date</u></b>
A	February 28, 2012	February 6, 2012	April 13, 2012
B	May 31, 2012	May 7, 2012	July 13, 2012
C	September 30, 2012	September 10, 2012	November 16, 2012