

Love Your Block 2026–2028 Application

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 1, 2026. This application has seven (7) sections. All fields are required by default, except the application requirements check boxes.

Application Form

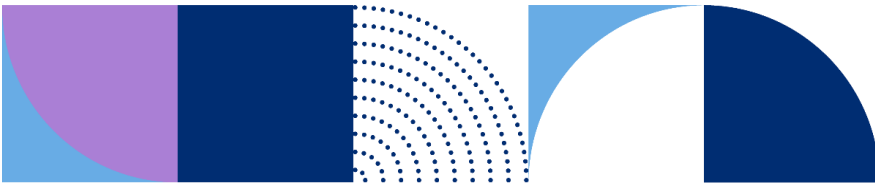
Contact Information (1/7)

First Name	
Last Name	
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Application Requirements (2/7)

Confirm your city meets the following eligibility requirements:

- Population of at least 50,000 residents
- Mayoral tenure extends through October 2028
- Mayoral pledge to partner with local communities for neighborhood improvement
- City support and capacity to implement the program
- Letters of support from the key departments/agencies
- Letters of support from the key community partners
- Have not participated in the 2021-2023 or 2024-2026 cohorts of the Love Your Block program



Project Description (3/7)

What public problem will this Love Your Block project address? Include the scale of the problem and who it affects. Character limit: 3,000

Why is this problem a priority for the city? Describe how the mayor or city manager has prioritized this problem. If relevant, also describe what has been done to date.

Character limit: 2,500

Please provide a brief description of your proposed project. In a few sentences, share the interventions you plan to implement to address the public problem identified above.

Character limit: 500

Please explain why you selected the proposed focus neighborhood and provide a clear justification for this choice. Discuss how local conditions affect residents' quality of life, civic participation, or access to services, and how the neighborhood's strengths, assets, and community leadership inform your selection. Character limit: 2,500

Volunteers and Partnerships (4/7)

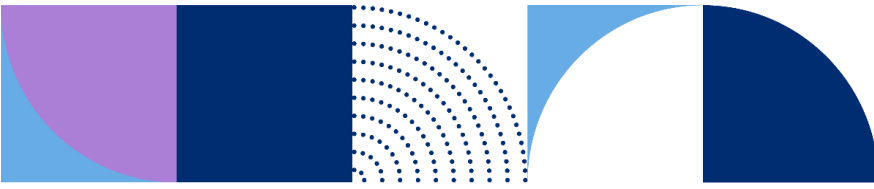
Describe the city's previous approaches to resident engagement and current practices.

Character limit: 3,000

How will the city ensure that residents and community groups with limited or no current engagement with the city are made aware of the opportunity to apply for Love Your Block mini-grants? What activities, resources, or workshops do you plan to make available for residents and community groups to support them during the application process?

Character limit: 3,000

How will residents be engaged in the project? Describe the types and frequency of activities residents will take on. Character limit: 3,000



How will you recruit volunteers who are from and/or currently live in the focus neighborhood? Character limit: 3,000

Which community partners will be involved in this project and what will their roles be?
Character limit: 3,000

Program Team (5/7)

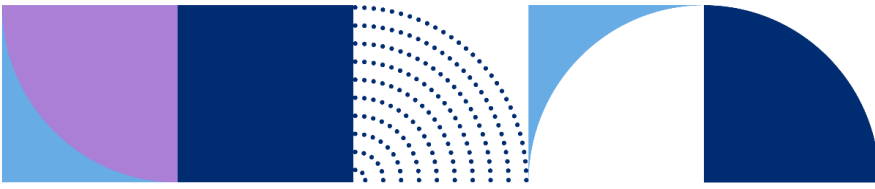
Indicate the names, titles, and departments for the two staff members who will co-lead the Love Your Block program and who will manage the Love Your Block Fellow(s).
Character limit: 3,000

Describe the role each City Lead will play in the proposed project, and what their other responsibilities are. Explain why this project falls under their purview. Character limit: 3,000

Love Your Block requires meaningful leadership and oversight to support resident engagement, cross-departmental coordination, and effective implementation. Please describe the capacity the City Lead team will bring to this work, including any anticipated challenges, competing priorities, or constraints and how the city plans to manage them over the course of the grant. How many hours a week do you expect each City Lead to be able to dedicate to Love Your Block? Character limit: 3,000

Who will act as the executive sponsor (e.g., chief of staff, deputy mayor, deputy chief of staff) of this project within the mayor's office and ensure the project has executive support?
Character limit: 3,000

Describe the role the mayor or city manager will play during the design, implementation, and celebration of the project. Character limit: 3,000



Resources and Capacity (6/7)

What other departments or agencies will support the project? Describe their roles and how you will engage them throughout the program. Character limit: 3,000

As a requirement of the program, participating cities will track project metrics on a monthly basis using tools provided by Love Your Block. Please describe your approach to meeting this requirement and provide examples of how the city has tracked similar project-related metrics. Character limit: 3,000

Describe how the city has made mini-grants to community partners and residents in the past and any adjustments you would make for this project. If the city has not provided mini-grants, describe how you will implement this process, including any key partnerships that will enable successful execution of the mini-grant process. Character limit: 3,000

Describe your city's commitment to sustaining this work beyond the two-year grant period, and any early ideas you have for doing so (e.g., potential partners, funding streams, or alignment with existing city priorities). Detailed plans are not required at this stage. Character limit: 3,000

Application Attachments (7/7)

To complete this application, please upload the following documents as PDFs:

- Letter of commitment from the mayor pledging to partner with communities for neighborhood improvement
- Letters of support from the key departments/agencies
- Letters of support from the key community partners
- Organizational chart showing how the two program co-leads responsible for this project are positioned relative to each other and to the mayor and senior leadership