

Love Your Block Mini-grant Project Winners	
2nd Ward	
Project Description	Awarded Amount
The project would be to remove weed trees that are leaning out over the parkway and the street. After removing the weed trees, a perennial bed will be created that would include another tree.	\$1,400
The project will reduce litter and pet waste by installing six (6) dog waste stations and four (4) durable trash bins in high-traffic areas of our neighborhood.	\$2,000
The project is to clean the trash, overgrown vegetation, and other debris in the alley on the north side of the 1800 block of Lake St.	\$1,300
To support an annual Greenwood Street Party—a cherished neighborhood tradition where residents come together for a potluck celebration and kids enjoy games and activities before the new school year begins."	\$2,000
The project focuses on enhancing the front yard landscaping of a home built by the Geometry in Construction program at Evanston Township High School (ETHS), with low-maintenance landscaping options that are aesthetically pleasing and easy for the future homeowners to maintain.	\$2,000
Exterior home improvement - This project involves leveling my backyard and improving access to my garage	\$2,000
This project is to make pollinators habitat on the corner of our property and add a free public library for a free neighborhood book exchange.	\$2,000
Exterior home improvement - This project is regraveling the walkway in the alley, installing a swing set in the front yard for children to enjoy, and adding a pergola in the backyard to provide shade and comfort.	\$2,000
Exterior home improvement - This project is to repair a crumbling parking pad, potentially replacing an aging storage shed, and upgrading exterior lighting.	\$1300
5th Ward	
Project Description	Awarded Amount
The Toddler Adventure Camp is a three-month community-based program designed to provide a safe, inclusive, and nurturing space for families of color. This initiative focuses on early childhood development by fostering foundational, functional, and independent life skills in toddlers. Through engaging activities that emphasize collaboration, teamwork, and community building, the camp aims to create a lasting positive impact on participants and the broader community.	\$2000
This project would aim to improve public space by recreating a native habitat that is sustainable without extensive maintenance and providing natural beautification in Twiggs Park.	\$2000
This initiative promotes youth leadership by pairing older teens with younger children (ages 7–13) in a mentorship-focused basketball program. Through coaching and guidance, older youth will develop leadership skills while supporting the growth and confidence of their	\$2000

younger peers."	
A vibrant community block party held in the park, bringing neighbors together to celebrate, connect, and support one another. The event includes tending to our community garden, sharing meals, playing games, uplifting our youth, honoring our seniors, and distributing essential items such as groceries, cleaning supplies, and gift cards to those in need.	\$2000
Annual Youth Explosion Conference, the last weekend of June, to empowerment workshops, feeding the youth at the conference, transportation to the outing and funds for a potential outing.	\$1500
Make a raised Garden Beds (Flowers and Produce); decorate around trees with Foliage, Stones, Flowers, and Seating and Sidewalk Games (Painted).	\$1500
A block party and community club designed to foster unity, strengthen neighborhood bonds, and celebrate our shared love for the community	\$1250
Exterior home improvement - The project is to remove the fence in the front of the house and replace it with more greenery, such as large shrubs. Install a "Little Free Library" with a flower garden around it.	\$1250
The project is Ready to Read, a free recurring playdate for 4—and 5-year-olds and their parents that focuses on early literacy and kindergarten readiness.	\$1250
Exterior home improvement - Replace the roof and gutters at the home of an Evanston senior and do a variety of tasks which may include washing windows, and power-washing the home's siding and awnings, stripping and painting her railing and doing a small amount of yard work	\$1250
8th Ward	
Project Description	Awarded Amount
To build a community refrigerator and food pantry in the western part of the 8th Ward, likely at the intersection of Dodge and Mulford or Dodge and Howard.	\$2,000
A block party to promote unity and getting to know each other better with a live band, a bounce house, food and fun!	\$1,500
Exterior home improvement - front steps revival.	\$1,500
This project aims to engage two high school students (or older) in an entrepreneurial experience focused on landscaping and yard work, providing valuable services to members of our senior community.	\$1,000
To repair a community driveway.	\$1,000
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Revitalize the roundabouts on Florence Avenue with fresh landscaping, including new flowers and possibly adding a decorative structure.	\$1,000
9th Ward	

Project Description	Awarded Amount
This project will transform an underutilized area of the yard at HOP into a Community Peace Garden and Urban Farm. The initiative involves constructing raised beds using reclaimed lumber to cultivate a diverse array of vegetables, herbs, and pollinator-friendly plants.	\$2000