





COMMUNITY CORE INITIATIVE

The Community Core Initiative is designed to bring targeted investment to a 4-6 block area of the neighborhood, making it a safe and beautiful place to live.



These programs are not limited to homeowners. All residents within the boundary can apply for a grant! If you receive one or more grants, you will be required to give back to your community through the litter patrol or vacant lot program.

PROGRAMS

Paint & Porch

- Painting siding, trim, and window trim
- Porch repair/stabilization
- Porch and front door painting
- Front step repair
- Replacement windows
- Front door replacement
- front porch roof repair/replacement

Lawn & Landscape

- Removal of overgrown trees and brush
- Mulching
- Addition of appropriate plantings
- Sod/grass seed (in extreme cases)

Locks & Lights

- Door and window locks
- Front and rear porch lighting
- Alley lights

Vacant Lot Projects

Residents within core boundaries can collaborate on vacant lot projects. Grant funds can be provided for:

- Community gardens
- Pocket parks

Come to our community meeting on April 30th 6pm at the East Bluff Community Center to learn more!





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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to own my home to qualify for one of the grants?

No, you do not need to be a homeowner for Community Core. However, the owner of the property will be required to participate as well.

Will I need to pay back these funds?

No, you will not need to repay the grants. You will be required to give hours back to your community in the form of litter patrol, maintaining a vacant lot, or working on a vacant lot project.

Is this only for 2015?

The Community Core Boundary for 2015 has already been established. The work will begin in May and continue throughout the summer months. A new boundary will be selected for 2016.

Is this different than the East Village Growth Cell TIF program?

Yes, this is in addition to that program. Many resources are being made available to the East Bluff residents!

Can I have the roof of my home repaired or replaced with this program?

No, these funds are not able to cover the cost of roofing repairs.

Who will be performing the work?

The work will be done by groups of volunteers and/or licensed contractors. A preferred list of contractors will be provided but others may be added after being screened.

Who will pay for the materials and labor?

The grant funds will be provided directly to the contractors who will purchase materials and provide the labor.

Who do I call with questions?

Call Marcus, the East Bluff Community Organizer, at 309.472.0470 or email Mfogliano.ebnhs@gmail.com

