

## ARP Neighborhood Formal Application - Halteman Village

Time Stamp 3/23/23, 3:55 PM  
Contact Name J. P. Hall  
Trasurer Name Brad Marshall  
Amount Requested **\$43,473.08** Amount in full

### Describe the Scope of the Project(s), including estimated timeline.

HNVA is requesting \$43,473,08 to assist the neighborhood – in partnership with the City of Muncie – in making continued quality improvements to the new Halteman Park (former private swim club property) into a multi-generational public space for the citizens of Muncie. To date, HVNA has been successful in raising over \$112,000 towards improvements to the Park – via the CreatINg Places Indiana program administered by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) - and private donations solicited through a crowdfunding and other means. These funds were allocated towards the introduction of a new playground at the site, in addition to a pavilion and site improvements/landscaping. The city invested in the removal of the former infrastructure, a new splashpad, walking trail, and other site improvements. This request, and effort, will focus on phase 2 of the project which will include the addition of pickleball courts, benches, picnic tables, additional playground equipment, and other items. The ARP grant will be further leveraged with a additional capital campaign to assist in rounding out the offerings at the park. The neighborhood is also exploring public art installations, like a mural. Work on this project has been a multiyear effort, which is currently underway, with hopes of finalizing phase 2 during 2024. As a result of supply chain issues, we have been informed that park equipment is majorly backordered, which might effect timeline.

### Are you applying to any other organizations for additional funding?

Yes

### If the above answer is yes, provide the source and amount of other funds and if the Neighborhood Association is already in possession of those funds.

Local foundations were supportive of phase 1 and HVNA will return for potential support. George and Francis Foundation and Zeigler Foundation will be likely candidates. Also, HVNA will be reapplying to the CreatINg places program.

**Describe how the ARP funding will impact the Neighborhood association.**

HVNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization representing property owners and current residents of Halteman Village, Nor-Hall, Norwood and Vienna Woods neighborhoods within the City of Muncie. HVNA's efforts are primarily focused on place-based development and revitalization of our neighborhoods to improve the quality of life for our residents and the Muncie community as a whole. We believe by achieving place-based quality of life goals we create, foster, and improve community. We believe by creating the infrastructure to facilitate meaningful community we improve the health, wealth, and general wellbeing of our citizens. The origins of our organization started when the former Mitchell Elementary School was threatened with demolition. Knowing the inherent value of that building as an anchor, and community connector to the neighborhood, residents banded together to investigate the proposal and to ultimately convince the city of Muncie to not tear that building down. Fast forward, and BSU/YMCA both program the former Mitchell facility as the Mitchell Early Childhood and Family Center, a win for the City, neighborhood, and residents. This was our first foray into creating a beneficial public/private partnership for the betterment of the citizens of Muncie. Our efforts with Mitchell convinced us that we needed to do something with the former site of the Halteman Swim Club, another vacant and abandoned property, and former community connector. HVNA planned, advocated, and ultimately created another public/private partnership with the City to take an ugly, vacant, blighted, and dangerous resource and turn it into a pleasant greenspace and recreational asset for all of Muncie.

**How will the project(s) be measured and evaluated?**

Quality of place/life initiatives, such as Halteman Park, have proven to be beneficial to communities in a variety of ways, and HVNA, as a community development organization, has made it its mission to improve both initiatives for Halteman and surrounding neighborhoods. There are few places in and around the neighborhood for citizens to make connections with other residents, and provide a conduit for engagement. Halteman Park can be this resource and act as such a connector and create community. This improves individual wellness, on top of improving health outcomes with inherent and programmed recreational offerings. Success will be a fully functional space for all ages, which this park is becoming. HVNA board and volunteers will continue to push initiatives forward via their monthly meetings, meetings with Park and city officials, and will adapt as necessary. We have learned that flexibility is essential in pushing forward a successful project.

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**From:** Shane Burris  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 12:30 PM  
**To:** Hall, J.P.  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Halteman Park - Muncie CreatING Places Campaign

Hey J.P.,  
I should be able to help out with some of this, but to give you an idea, I am providing some more likely pricing and ballpark timeline for the project.

Benches and Outdoor Seating ~\$1,000.00 x10) ~\$10,000.00  
Additional Swing Bays ~\$5,000.00 x2) ~\$10,000.00  
Toddler Play Equipment ~\$25,000.00  
Shelter ~\$35,000.00 (depending on size and concrete)  
Bike Rack \$850.00 x3) ~\$2,550.00  
Equipment Installation ~\$18,000.00

Something like this will likely be next fall at BEST for the combination of product arrival and installation. To be honest, it will likely be late fall or early winter before a realistic install is possible.

I will tell you, if this seems like a long lead time, and you want to look elsewhere, please beware and do your homework. There is a possibility and even a likelihood that other dealers may tell you they can do it sooner, but I would be VERY leery of that. We have a pretty good idea of the installer options in the region, and the latest we are hearing from them is that most customers that opted for other suppliers have been pushed back 6 months or more for their projects. In many cases even just getting the products they were told would take 12 weeks ends up taking 24-30 weeks.. Which 24-30 is a realistic and honest lead time these days, but the customer is being told 12 up front so they purchase. Just be careful.

If you have any other questions, I will be more than happy to help.



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"Creativity is just intelligence having fun!" - Albert Einstein

Please remember, in this time as the country recovers and new orders continue to soar, those that choose to show up every day are doing all they can to produce or install your projects as fast as they

## Outreach and Engagement Timeline

### Halteman Park – ARP Funding Request

Starting in May 2017, when a 1959 private swimming pool club in Muncie’s Halteman Village neighborhood was shut down permanently, residents grew concerned about the future of the site. Meetings were organized immediately - at the Kennedy Library and then at the Halteman Village Baptist Church - to discuss what the neighborhood should do. Information was lacking about who owned the property and what the future held for this 5-acre piece of land smack dab in the middle of the neighborhood. After extensive research, this informal group of citizens found the owner, Halteman Swim Club, Inc. had donated the property to the City of Muncie. Additionally, we learned that there were over \$18,000 owed in back taxes. Also, private interests bought the tax certificate at tax sale. Monthly meetings ensued and have continued ever since. Every meeting since incorporating in 2017 has discussed the Park project at length. Reminders go out monthly for our meetings with encouragement for our residents to participate.

#### **Timeline:**

2017 – HVNA incorporates as a certified Indiana Non-Profit

August 13, 2018, Star Press Article, “Halteman Village neighbors ask city for help to turn closed pool into park”

2018 – HVNA incorporates as a 501c3 with intentions of raising money for park and other improvements

August 14<sup>th</sup>, Woof Boom Radio News, Residents Want Former Pool Turned Into Park

August 22, 2018, Neighborhood residents speak with WRTV-6 News reporter Derrick Thomas

Fall 2018 – Building Better Neighborhoods Grant Awarded

September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018, HVNA speaks with WRTV-6 News reporter Derrick Thomas

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Coverage by Ball State Daily News, Esther Bower Reporter

Summer 2018 – Neighborhood attends City Council meeting to encourage City to retain ownership of property

Spring 2019 – LA Second Year Studio planned around space

Summer 2020 – Officially becomes a city park

Spring 2020- LA Second Year Studio planned around space for second time

Spring 2020 – HVNA attends Park Board Meeting

Spring 2020 – Online FB Survey about what to do with space

Spring 2020 – Building Better Neighborhoods Grant Awarded

February 24, 2020 - Halteman Community Meeting at Mitchell – Over 80 in attendance with multiple stakeholders soliciting input about what to do with space

February 2020, Star Press Article – “Former Halteman Village Swim Club now a city park, but what's next?”

Spring 2021 – CreatINg Places Campaign Launch and goal met. Great response.

Summer 2021 – S & M Zeigler Grant Awarded

Summer 2021 G&F Ball Foundation Grant Awarded

Summer 2021 – Task Force 2 Project Fund Grant Awarded

Summer 2021 – Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting

Fall 2021 – HVNA presented at IDEA Conference specifically about project

September 2021 Article in Muncie Journal

October 16, 2021 Coverage in Star Press

January 25, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting

February 22, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting

March 29, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting

**Spring 2022 – Online ARP survey (link posted on FB and NextDoor)**

**April 26, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**May 31, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**June 28, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**July 26, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**August 30, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

Fall 2022 – Awarded IDEA Neighborhood Project of the Year

Fall 2022 – Award Ball State Immersing Learning Award

**September 27, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**October 25, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**November 29, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**December 27, 2022 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**January 31, 2023 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

**February 28, 2023 - Neighborhood Community Meeting**

\*In addition to the survey, we have been consistent with our monthly meetings and discussed ARP at every meeting since the city announced the potential funding. We send out reminders for these meetings and have mentioned ARP/park planning in several of them, in addition to the survey.