

ARP Neighborhood Formal Application - Westridge Neighborhood Association

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Amount Requested **\$ 29,247.24** Amount in full

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

1. The Westridge Neighborhood Association would like to provide a free tree evaluation for any resident that would like to participate. Jimmy Searcy from Specialty Tree Care is estimating an average cost of \$450/household. More specifically, Specialty Tree Care will charge \$250/household and \$50/tree. Each household will receive a detail report on every tree on the property including a health report, a risk assessment, recommendations on care and what to expect to pay for these services. We are unable to determine the exact amount of residents that will participate but we had 60 responses from our outreach survey. We will begin outreach for participation at the beginning of the year.
2. If there is any remaining funds after the evaluation, residents can submit an application for assistance needed as shown in the evaluation. This will be a matching amount, meaning the resident will promise to cover 50% of the cost.

Are you applying to any other organizations for additional funding?

No

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.

Describe how the ARP funding will impact the Neighborhood association.

Trees in general, and the big canopy trees in particular, help define quality of life in our neighborhood. The big oaks, elms, sycamores and other high canopy trees span properties, legally, aesthetically, and environmentally. They are our most enduring neighbors. They are in concert with our lives, providing shade, habitats, beauty, and increasingly critical air scrubbing services...but the concert is not free.

The removal of a large, diseased or dying tree can cost thousands of dollars. The cost to keep them healthy and integral to our lives is also not cheap. A drive through other areas of Muncie, where homeowners haven't the resources or maybe the motivation for big tree maintenance, will show a common pattern: Large expanses of treelessness or tree vulnerabilities.

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

This depends on how much money is available after the evaluations are complete. We will track how many residents that had an evaluation done want to be part of the additional funds application process. Part of the agreement with the residents will be before and after photos of any work done to show progress.