

Microgrant Programs

(East Phillips and Midtown Phillips)

The East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) is implementing a microgrant program in order to compensate neighbors to run events and projects in East Phillips and Midtown Phillips. The Microgrants fall into four categories: 1) Neighborhood clean ups, 2) Public Art installations, 3) Skill Shares, 4) Block Parties. Applications for the programs will be accepted on a rolling basis until all grant money has been used and applications will be reviewed by the EPIC Grant Review Committee.

Funding available through December 1, 2025.

Public Art

East Phillips Improvement Coalition and Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association is implementing a Public Art microgrant program to beautify the neighborhoods. Projects need to be in a location that has experienced tagging/graffiti and documentation of this will be required. EPIC will contract with artists to bring together neighbors, hear what they would like to see for the Public Art Project and create something that reflects the desires of neighbors. EPIC will compensate the artists for this program as well as provide an honorarium for people who volunteer their property for this program. This program can provide up to \$10,000 for approximately 4 public art projects, artists will be paid up to \$2,400 per public art project and property owners will receive a \$100 honorarium.

Skill Shares

East Phillips Improvement Coalition is granting money to neighbors to run events and projects to bring neighbors together to connect around sharing skills.

This program will be compensated on a reimbursement basis, however if this is prohibitive to you contact EPIC/MPNAI (612) 354-6802 or info@eastphillips.org. EPIC has up to \$3,000 for the skill share program and will reimburse **up to \$1,000 per skill share event**, paying \$100 per speaker for up to two speakers; up to \$800 for supplies (participant tools, event supplies, materials for participants to take home etc.). Organizers for this program must apply prior to their event, and provide a post-event report prior to reimbursement.

NOTE that EPIC funding cannot be used for food, beverages, prizes and entertainment or political or religious activities.

Block Parties

If you are interested in throwing a block party, reach out, info@eastphillips.org

Alley Lighting Program

Gift cards available for those who can help install alley lights.

New applicants for alley lighting paused until volunteer neighbors to help with installation are found.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaCQEjvLDoE8dI1-URm4qvVKInoxG37dRTJcnx9P1tuSXM5Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Microgrant Application Public Art Program

For Artists

Please send a written proposal to info@eastphillips.org. In your proposal, please include whether you have completed other public art projects before. If so, please share about your experience (the process, lessons learned etc) and attach photos of your past work. If not, please share about your skills and experience and what you would offer to this program. In addition, please include whether you are able and willing to maintain the public art project if it is tagged over.

Note: Prior to project contract agreement, approval must be given from the property owner (with neighbor input), and a draft budget and project description must be given.

For East Phillips property owners interested in having a public art project on their property.

Please contact Sarah at (612) 354-6802 or info@eastphillips.org if you are interested in having a public art project on your property. Include photos of the location where you would like the public art project to be as well as why you would like to host an art project. Note that the project needs to be in a location that has experienced tagging/graffiti and documentation that graffiti has been an issue at the property will be required.

Note: Prior to implementing a public art project property owners must talk with their nearby neighbors and the majority of neighbors must support having a public art project.

**Microgrant Application
Skill Share Program**

Please fill out and submit to info@eastphillips.org

Name of project leader: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Connection to East Phillips Improvement Coalition: _____

Amount requested (up to \$1,000 per event): _____

Describe your skill share event:

How will this project benefit the neighborhood?

How will you conduct outreach for your skill share event?

What is your project timeline and who all will be involved in executing the project?

Do you agree to report about the skill share event prior to reimbursement?

Please share your budget for the skill share event (maximum of \$1,000 per skill share event).
NOTE that EPIC funding cannot be used for food, beverages, prizes and entertainment or political or religious activities. Printing flyers for outreach related to this microgrant program will be provided by EPIC and does not need to be included in your budget for this application.