



Beautification Grant Program

The **Beautify Boston Grant Program** was created by Mayor Thomas M. Menino to support significant community initiated *beautification and infrastructure* projects that will enhance usability and transform our neighborhoods open spaces.

Any highly visible beautification or infrastructure project that will make a long-lasting or permanent impact to a neighborhood may be eligible. Approved projects will receive grants ranging from **\$5,000-\$25,000** for improvements to neighborhood open spaces. Grants of \$10,000 or more will require an equal match in funding. Funding matches must be documented and can include in-kind staff time and labor, either in part or in whole. Potential projects include:

- Professional landscaping improvements/plantings with maintenance plan
- Tree planting, pruning, or removal
- New benches, murals, public art, walkways or fencing
- Restoration of murals, plaques, fencing, or masonry walls
- Property cleanups including graffiti removal and waste removal costs.

All projects must be publicly and visually accessible from a public way and have appropriate permits and approvals from City agencies, including the Arts, Landmarks, or Historic District Commissions; Public Improvements Commission; Boston Water & Sewer Commission; Boston Transportation, Public Works and/or Parks Departments. The property owner (including City of Boston agencies) must approve the project and sign the attached "Property Owners Consent Form". Support letters from the community and abutters are required.

Applicants must be a 501c3 not-for profit organization, as determined by the IRS, or the applicant must partner with such an organization. Community, open space, community garden, environment, civic, community development and economic development groups are all encouraged to apply.

Applications are available to download at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/beautifyboston
or contact: Boston Parks & Recreation Department (617)-635-4505

Applications received via postal service must be post marked by Thursday, November 15, 2012 by 5:00pm.

Boston Parks & Recreation Department; Attention: Beautify Boston Grant Program
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Fl., Boston, MA 02118

Applications received via Email or online submission must be received by Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 5:00pm. Submit electronically in PDF format to beautifyboston@cityofboston.gov, or online at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/beautifyboston

Grant awards will be announced by the first week of January 2013.

Grantees will receive 75% of the total upon grant award, and the final 25% upon proof of completion, which will require receipts, photos and a site visit by Parks Department personnel.



Projects must be completed by December 31, 2013.

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Site Name & Address: _____

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION including:

- Brief description of the mission of the applicant organization
 - Ownership of proposed project site
 - Description of project
 - Neighborhood served by project
 - Organization(s) involved in project
 - Proposed budget, including detailed budget, contractor quotes and other project funding sources, if any)
 - Rendering or map of project or area
 - Copy of 501c3 designation from IRS
 - Property Owner Consent Form
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Incomplete applications will not be considered. Grant awards will be announced by the first week of January 2013.

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The Beautification Grants Program is open to all citizens of the City of Boston regardless of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.



PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT FORM

PROJECT ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

I AGREE TO ALLOW THE _____ TO UNDERTAKE
THE FOLLOWING WORK, _____

ON PROPERTY OWNED BY _____

BETWEEN APRIL 15, 2013 – DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Authorized Individual, TITLE (print)

Authorized Signature

Agency/Organization

Address City, State, Zip

Telephone E-mail address