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City Council District 3 Announces Formation of Civic Engagement Grant Program

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The office of City Council District 3 is pleased to announce the formation of a civic engagement grant program. Intern Blake Plavchak organized these grants and will serve as the grant administrator.

“These civic engagement grants will serve to engage the public and promote citizenship on behalf of the residents of District 3,” said Plavchak. Community groups, non profit organizations, and citizens are all encouraged to apply.

One time grants not to exceed \$200 will be made available to qualifying applications that address a need in the community and serve to encourage civic engagement. Projects will be implemented with the help of the District 3 City Council office. “We are hoping these grants will empower residents and encourage and support civic participation,” said Councilman Kraus.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm Friday, July 8th and award recipients will be notified by Tuesday July 12th. Application guidelines are as follows.

- Applicant must be a resident of District 3.
- Projects must be within District 3.
- Projects must bring at least 5 community members together for implementation.
- Projects will have a clear timeline for completion.
- Applications must demonstrate how the project will impact the community and why it is important.
- Priority will be given to projects that focus on blight removal, abandoned building identification, graffiti removal, main street/business district development or any project that will enhance the appearance or welfare of the community.
- Project must have a clear list of expenses not exceeding \$200.
- Proposed expenditures will be directly related to the project and will **not** be used for personnel or ongoing costs.
- Project applications will explain how the council office can assist with the implementation of the project.
- A timeline detailing preparatory work through project implementation will be submitted with the application.

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