



400th Anniversary Project

Projects to Celebrate Our 400th Anniversary

400th Anniversary Project Purpose

The purpose of the 400th Anniversary Project Grant is to assist neighborhood and community groups in completing community projects or to host celebrations in relation to the 400th Anniversary of Hampton. They support small-scale community projects that benefit the neighborhood while drawing on the personal interests and accessible resources in the community.

400th Anniversary Project Challenge

Can you think of a creative initiative you, together with your neighbors, can take that is fun, benefits your neighborhood, and celebrates an aspect of Hampton's rich and diverse history? **Make sure it involves several people from the beginning to the end. It must be inclusive and try to involve neighbors of all ages in some way.** For example... create historic neighborhood banners or flags, develop a historic walking trail, or host a cultural celebration, plant local native landscaping along a major neighborhood street. Whatever you enjoy doing is a great place to start. In the spirit of keeping things simple and informal, we ask that each proposal be submitted on this single sheet of paper. No major projects wanted, just simple and effective.

400th Anniversary Project Match

If you need money for your project, we'll match, in cash, what you donate for **up to \$1000** in eligible expenses. Your donations can be materials, volunteer labor, or money. We do ask that you keep a copy of your receipts, photos, and volunteer logs to show us when you are done. *For example, say your group wants to paint a mural in your neighborhood. You donate 10 hours of labor (valued at \$20/hr.), and a local business donates \$50 worth of paint. The 400th Anniversary Project Grant will provide \$250 for paint materials and a cleanup party!*

Anyone Can Apply

It doesn't matter who you are, what you do, or what abilities you have. To be a "400th Anniversary Host", you just need to get together with two or more neighbors or organization members and plan a 400th Anniversary Project. Then complete your project within **90 days**. You can have only one 400th Anniversary Project grant per neighborhood and it must be done in 2010 (so be creative).

How Projects are Selected

Submitting an idea is as easy as 1-2-3: You just need to...

- 1) **Meet** with your Neighborhood Commissioner or Neighborhood Office staff to get details on the grant.
- 2) Come up with a project idea and **share it** with your neighbors and Neighborhood Commissioner.
- 3) Write up your project idea and **submit it** to the Neighborhood Office **before 4pm on March 31, June 30 or September 30, 2010.**

Submitted applications will be considered as long as funds remain available, so get started early. Projects are reviewed and selected by the Neighborhood Commission's Resources Committee along with input from the Neighborhood Office Staff and 400th Anniversary staff. Projects should support the Guiding Principles of the Hampton Neighborhood Initiative. **Once reviewed, you will be notified within 30 days if your project was selected, or we will recommend changes to help you be successful in your project.**

How Does The Grant Work?

Once your 400th Anniversary Project is approved:

- Receive and sign the grant agreement and Contract
- Return it to the Neighborhood Office to receive your project match funding
- Celebrate Hampton's 400th Anniversary in your neighborhoods
- Submit your receipts and your match log

For more program details or information contact the Neighborhood Office at 757-727-6460 or email Jonathan McBride at jmcbride@hampton.gov or Erin Black at erblack@hampton.gov.

Here's My 400th Anniversary Project!

400th Anniversary Project Idea: What do you plan to do, when, and where? *(Please attach additional info)*

Celebrate Hampton's 400th: How will you celebrate Hampton's 400th Anniversary in your project?

Neighborhood Benefit: How will this benefit your neighborhood? What do you want to accomplish?

Jazzy Name: What name will you give your project that will attract attention to it?

Money: How much money do you estimate you will need to complete this project? What will you plan to use the money for in general terms?

Match: What type of neighborhood match do you think you will be able to contribute?

(Describe in general terms what volunteer labor (\$19.51/hr), donated materials, or cash you expect to use.)

A little about you: *Your following answers will not be the only basis for funding decisions.*

How involved have you been in your neighborhood prior to this project? *(Please check one)*

- 4** - Very involved (I have organized or planned community building activities.)
- 3** - Moderately involved (I have volunteered at neighborhood or community activities.)
- 2** - Somewhat involved (I have attended neighborhood or community gatherings.)
- 1** - Not really involved (I am just getting interested.)

I have attended Neighborhood College: Y__ / N__ . *(If "No," I plan to attend in the next year: Y__ / N__)*

We've applied for a grant before: Y__ / N__ **I learned about the grant from/at** _____

_____ YES! We can complete this project in 90 days!

My Neighborhood _____ Title/Role in Neighborhood _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Others Involved _____