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SUBJECT: Lincoln Park and Central Hillside residents invited to apply for a Love Your Block mini-grant BY: Phil Jents, Communications and Policy Officer

Lincoln Park and Central Hillside residents invited to apply for a Love Your Block mini-grant

[Duluth, MN] The 2022 Love Your Block Duluth mini-grant application is now available at <u>duluthmn.gov/love-your-block/</u>. Applications for the first round of grant funding are due on June 3, 2022. Residents can apply for up to \$1,500 to fund a neighborhood improvement project.

Love Your Block believes in the creativity and collaboration of Duluth residents. These funds support a range of activities as long as they are 1) volunteer led and 2) bring neighbors together to reduce blight in Lincoln Park and Central Hillside. A blighted space is something that has not been cared for and is no longer benefiting the community.

Neighbors are encouraged to work together and in collaboration with the City of Duluth to identify solutions to blight. These projects could look like, but are not limited to, neighborhood clean ups, installing public art, celebrating neighborhood project completion, creating a system for reducing abandoned waste, or repurposing vacant lots as active community spaces.

Love Your Block staff are available to support residents via phone, email, or meeting. Duluth residents can also attend an upcoming information session to ask questions and brainstorm ideas. Children are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

May 14 – 9:00 - 10:00 am Virtual Information Session WebEx link at <u>duluthmn.gov/love-your-block</u>

May 16 - 4:30 - 5:30 pm Information Session/Open House Community Action Duluth - Conference Room 2424 W 5th St. #102

May 17- 4:30 - 5:30 pm Information Session/Open House Damiano Center - Conference Room 206 W 4th St

Information sessions will also be held in June prior to the second grant application deadline.

More information can be found at <u>duluthmn.gov/love-your-block</u> or by contacting Love Your Block Fellow, Sarah Erickson, at serickson@duluthmn.gov or 218-348-2165.

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