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**BUILDING BLOCKS OF KALAMAZOO**

**2023 Grant Application-Resident Groups**

Please review and complete the following application for consideration of the 2023 Building Blocks Spring or Summer project.

**VISION:** Building Blocks of Kalamazoo promotes vibrant neighborhoods where resident-led groups work together to address issues, complete projects and collaborate with community stakeholders.

**MISSION:** Building Blocks of Kalamazoo empowers residents, one block at a time, to improve the quality of neighborhood life.

**Household Recruitment and Project Allocations:**

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| Participating Households | Project Allocation |
| Over 10 Households | $5,500 |
| 8-10 Households | $4,500 |
| 5-7 Households | $3,500 |
| Less than 5 Households | May be subject to cancellation |

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2022**

**Application Evaluation Criteria:**

* Completeness and accuracy of the application
* Increased number of Resident Commitment Signatures on Application
* Strength of prospects for recruiting at least of 8-10 participating households
* Identification of Resident Facilitators
* Strength of strategic rationale for selecting this site
* Endorsement by Neighborhood Association Director

*Upload and submitted to* [*director@bbkazoo.org*](mailto:director@bbkazoo.org)*.*

*Mailed to:*

*Building Blocks of Kalamazoo*

*1009 E. Stockbridge Ave*

*Kalamazoo, MI 49001*

**PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION:**

**Basic Information:**

1. Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Timeline Preference (circle one):

Spring (March-June) Summer (July-October) No Preference

1. Proposed site boundaries by street blocks or address:

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1. Housing Status Information of proposed site – To the best of your ability, please provide complete chart below.

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| --- | --- |
| # of Empty lots (e.g. no structure) |  |
| # of Non-residential buildings (churches, store, etc.) |  |
| # of Vacant houses |  |
| # of Owner occupied houses |  |
| # of Rental houses |  |

*NOTE: We encourage proposed sites to contain at least twelve (12) current owner occupied homes and a total of 35 to 55 households. Sites containing a high proportion of rental properties may need to have more total homes to hit recruitment goals.*

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**Strategic Rationale and Sustainability:**

1. Please explain your rationale for applying this site for a Building Blocks project. Include any relevant information related to broader neighborhood partner plans, resident interest or particular issues/problems/concerns associated with the site.

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1. Please list partners/agencies/programs that may be active in the area or directly involved in project activities. Indicate in what capacity they are active or involved.

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*Applications must have at least 3 Household commitments from the site AND resident facilitators pre-identified. The Neighborhood Association Endorsement is not required, however, applications with the endorsement from the Neighborhood Association will be prioritized****.***

**BUILDING BLOCKS Resident Commitment: REQUIRED**

*At least three Households required*

**1). Household Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_ I agree to participate in the Building Blocks program, including: attending resident meetings, planning and approving a site budget, and volunteering on work days.

\_\_\_ I agree to assist in recruiting at least 8 -10 households from my block to participate.

\_\_\_ I approve of the selection of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Resident Facilitators to coordinate the projects.

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Name Signature.

**2). Household Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Name Signature.

**3). Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Name Signature

**Additional Household Commitment Signatures: NOT REQUIRED**

**4). Household Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Name Signature.

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Name Signature.

**6). Household Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Name Signature

**Resident Facilitator Agreement:**

By signing this document, I agree to abide by the following guidelines as stated below:

* Embrace the Building Blocks vision and mission as written above.
* Define sites with household numbers ranging from 35-35 to help ensure that the project can recruit a minimum of 8 participating households (owner occupied and/or rental).
* Recruit area residents and income property owners in accordance with Building Blocks non-discrimination policy.
* Conduct *at least* three collective planning sessions for each project with the goal that each participant will attend at least two.
* Ensure participants make decisions regarding the project budget.
* Each project will have three or more collective work activities.
* A collective celebration of accomplishments will be part of each project.
* Provide sufficient support to administer the project.
* Participate in Building Blocks training sessions.
* Contact all property owners, including income property owners, and invite them to participate prior to the program start.
* Separate purchase receipts by household. Only one resident’s materials per receipt, not multiple residents on one receipt.
* Provide an accurate and completed final report following the specifications in the program manual. Note the report must follow the format in the program manual.

**By signing below, I indicate the application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I agree to honor my indicated preferences and responses.**

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Resident Facilitators will each receive a volunteer stipend of $1,150 to lead a successful completion of the Building Blocks Program. Building Blocks will pay all resident facilitators ½ of their stipends once at least 8 -10 households have committed to participate and projects estimates have been conducted. Resident facilitators will receive the second ½ of their stipends once the Final Report has been completed.

Resident Facilitators receiving leadership stipends who reside in a household on the site may participate in the program, but may not receive project funds exceeding 10% of the total Site Budget

**Neighborhood Association Endorsement: NOT REQUIRED**

Building Blocks of Kalamazoo 2022

**I support and endorse this Site Application and the residents to apply for a Building Blocks program on this site.**

Neighborhood:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_