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Seating still available for North Port neighborhood grant class

Openings are still available for the North Port neighborhood grant class for residents who want to learn about the program and how to obtain a grant.

The class will take place from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the North Port Library, 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port.

In its seventh year, the Neighborhood Grant Program supports the county's initiative to preserve and enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the county. The grant program provides matching grants to neighborhoods to help fund improvement projects.

Neighborhood groups can match the county grant funds with cash, volunteer hours, direct donations by neighbors, other grant sources, or by donations of materials and services. There are two grant cycles each year and grants are awarded for projects that provide a public benefit and fall into one of the following categories – improving safety, preserving character and value, building neighborhood leadership or enhancing physical or environmental health.

Orientation workshops to teach residents how to apply for a grant are scheduled through August. The workshops are two hours and attendance is required to submit a grant application. The next date for grant applications is Oct. 5.

To learn more about the Neighborhood Grant Program, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941- 861-5000 or send an e-mail to neighbor@scgov.net.

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