

Tremont Trek - Grant Guidelines

Founded in 2002 by a group of volunteers in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood, the Tremont Trek annual home tour uses a portion of the net profits every year to provide seed money in the form of micro-grants to people and organizations who are working to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.



How monies are dispersed:

After net profits are determined post-Trek (typically July of each year) the committee, including all of the home owners on that year's tour, review the requests and vote on how the money will be awarded (majority vote rules). No more than 75% of the monies raised in any given year will be awarded (25% reserved to fund the next year's Trek kick off expenses)

Beginning in the 2015 grant cycle, the majority of the monies awarded each year (55%) will be reserved for Transformational Projects - projects that will create a long lasting impact in Tremont, are new & different and may take several years to complete. They can include things like physical improvements to the neighborhood or visionary ideas that move the needle forward in attracting or creating a better experience for residents, visitors and businesses. The remainder of the monies granted (45%) will be awarded to on-going projects, done-in-a-day events, and smaller targeted ideas that have an impact on the neighborhood.

Who can apply and more info:

- Grant money will only be dispersed to a 501c3 non-profit organizations (not businesses or individuals).
- Donations are restricted to those organizations or individuals who are working to maintain or improve the quality of life for Tremont residents, businesses and/or visitors.
- Grant requests must be submitted on an official Trek Grant Application Form (available thru TWDC).
- Preference is given to grant requests that have:
 - demonstrated partnerships and collaborations with other organizations
 - projects that will support & celebrate the pioneer spirit, diversity & history of Tremont
- Projects funded by the Trek must be completed within one year from date grant check was issued, unless they fall into the Transformational Project category and clearly outline the multi-year plans.
- Tremont Trek Home Tour must be credited as a funder in any marketing materials displayed or distributed, including press releases, signage, etc. in relation to project the Trek supports
- As a term of condition of this grant, recipients agree to provide a final report of how the grant monies were used along with impact of their project **by April 30th** of the year following the grant (or the weekday closest to April 30). Any unspent funds must be returned to TWDC within one year of receiving the check.
- Typically, grants range from \$250-\$4,000, although Transformational Projects may receive multi-year grants that will provide amounts above those in typical range listed above.
- No more than 75% of the net profits from the Trek benefit will be distributed as grants annually.
- Grant requests **are due every year by June 12** (or the weekday closest to June 12) **by 5 pm** in the TWDC offices each year
- Application cover sheets can be obtained thru Tremont West Development Corp's offices, 2406 Professor Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 575-0920