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# Alert Neighbor Program Information Sheet

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## What is the Alert Neighbor Program?

The Alert Neighbor Program (ANP) is a pilot program that promotes collaboration between residents, the City of Milwaukee, and other neighborhood partners to address crime and safety issues (especially mobile drug activity) in Milwaukee neighborhoods.

The ANP will provide funding for cameras, lighting, signage, and other crime prevention improvements to neighborhoods with organized groups of residents to address crime and safety issues in an effort to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood.

## How will the Alert Neighbor Program work and what will be expected of residents who participate in the program?

Participating neighborhoods will be expected to:

- Work together with the Milwaukee Police Department and other partners to identify safety issues in their neighborhood and develop solutions to address them. These solutions will include physical improvements (e.g., cameras, lighting, signage) as well as resident involvement strategies (e.g., working with MPD to address criminal activity, neighborhood meetings, neighborhood improvement projects).
- Contribute to the cost of the safety improvements installed in their neighborhood
- Recruit and encourage neighbor participation in the Program

## How will neighborhoods be chosen to participate in the program?

Since this is a pilot program with limited funding, in the first year it is likely that 10-15 neighborhoods will be selected to participate in the program.

Neighborhoods submitting applications will be chosen based on the existing presence of organized and active neighborhood block watches or groups, or residents who are interested in forming block watches or groups to address safety issues in their neighborhood, and the ability to provide the matching funds required by the program.

If the number of neighborhoods that apply for the program exceeds the funding that is available, applications will be prioritized based on an analysis of drug complaint data by the Milwaukee Police Department.

## How do we apply for the program and what are the basic requirements for participation?

There will be a simple application process for resident groups interested in participation in the pilot program. Basic requirements will include a commitment of at least eight households that have worked together, or are willing to work together to improve conditions in their neighborhood, a commitment to contribute 5% of the cost of safety improvements in their neighborhood or \$20/resident, whichever is less.

## How will the matching funds requirements work?

The Alert Neighbor Program requires a 5% match from the participating neighborhood for the cost of the safety improvements that will be provided or \$20/resident, whichever is less. Below are some examples of how the matching fund requirement would be computed:

### **Example 1.**

Eight neighbors in your block watch or neighborhood group applied for the program. The cost of the improvement plan that you propose for your neighborhood is \$7,000.

- a) 5% of \$7,000 would be \$350.
- b) If each resident contributed \$20, the matching contribution would be \$160.  
 $8 \text{ (number of residents that applied for the program)} \times \$20 = \$160.$

The matching fund contribution for this neighborhood would be \$160, the lesser of a) and b).

### **Example 2.**

Fifteen neighbors in your block watch or neighborhood group applied for the program. The cost of the improvement plan that you propose for your neighborhood is \$5,000.

- a) 5% of \$5,000 would be \$250.
- b) If each resident contributed \$20, the matching contribution would be \$300.  
 $15 \text{ (number of residents that applied for the program)} \times \$20 = \$300.$

The matching fund contribution for this neighborhood would be \$250, the lesser of a) and b).

## Who should we contact with questions about the Alert Neighbor Program?

If you have any questions about the program, you can contact:

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