

# **Avenues Grants Frequently Asked Questions**

## **What is the Avenues Grants Program?**

The Avenues Grant Program is a program run by the Greater Avenues Community Council Avenues Grants Committee (AGC). The purpose is to fund Avenues-specific projects that will improve, protect or highlight the unique character of the Avenues neighborhood.

The mission is to engage the community in identifying and completing projects to enhance life on the Greater Avenues through the awarding of GACC funds, fulfilling part of the GACC mission to improve the community in order to protect the unique character of the Avenues. We hope that through the completion of projects that reinforce this mission, neighbors working together will enhance a sense of community, pride, safety, and joy for all Avenues residents.

## **How is the program funded?**

The Avenues Grant Program is funded by the Greater Avenues Community Council. Grant funds are raised through various GACC activities, including the annual Avenues Street Fair. (For more information about the Street Fair, go to <https://avenuesstreetfair.org>)

## **Who will review the Grant proposals?**

Each year the GACC will put together an Avenues Grant Selection Committee to review and select the project proposals for that year. The Avenues Grant Selection Committee will include the AGC members, one representative from each of the nine Greater Avenues neighborhood areas, and a representative from the City (usually the GACC Mayor liaison).

## **What projects will be considered?**

The AGC invites the community to submit project proposals that may improve and celebrate the unique character of the Avenues neighborhood. Projects can be of a physical nature, as well as educational, environmental, etc. The AGC intends to fund projects that, upon completion, will further the GACC mission: "Provide benefit to the broader Avenues Community with the use of GACC funds." Any and all projects that fulfill this mission will be considered.

## **How is this different from the Salt Lake City Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) or Arts, Cultural and Events Fund (ACE) Programs?**

The Avenues Grants Committee drew inspiration from these city-sponsored grant programs, but we also wanted our grants to fill a new niche.

- Business owners, individual residents or groups of residents can apply for an Avenues Grants. You don't need to be a nonprofit or an organization to apply.
- Avenues Grants do not have a minimum funding requirement.
- Applicants can use Avenues Grants funds for community projects that are not events.
- Applicants can use the Avenues Grant funds as the entire budget of a project, or part of the costs of a project.
- Avenues Grants are focused specifically on the Greater Avenues community. The use of AGC funds must benefit the Avenues area.

## **Who can apply for a Grant?**

Any resident, property owner, or business owner of the Greater Avenues may apply. The committee will verify addresses and eligibility. Visit <https://slc-avenues.org/about-the-council/vision-bylaws> for a map showing the boundaries of the Greater Avenues Community Council.

**May I apply as part of a group?**

Yes, groups may apply. You may, of course, apply individually, but based on the complexity of the project, it may be advisable to have some help. In fact, working with neighbors on a project would be great. Information for all project members should be included on the application.

**When can I apply?**

The application period begins on February 1 and closes on March 31.

**Where can I apply?** You may apply by following the link on the Avenues Grants page at <https://slc-avenues.org/our-neighborhood/avenues-grants>.

**When will I find out if my application has been accepted?**

Applicants for grants will be notified if their grant has been accepted for consideration by April 15.

**Will I be notified if my application has not been accepted?**

Yes. Applicants for grants will be notified if their grant has not been accepted for consideration by April 15.

**How will I be notified when my application is accepted?**

You will be notified via email or phone by a representative of the Avenues Grant Selection Committee.

**When will I be notified if I my project has been selected for funding?**

AGC approved projects will be announced on or before May 31.

**When will I receive my grant?**

Avenues Grants funding will be available on or before May 31.

**Should I expect regular contact with the AGC after receiving my grant?**

Yes. Projects awarded funds will be required to provide, as determined by the AGC on a project-by-project basis; a regular or summary project report, a final report including a financial report, photographs, or other documentation. The AGC may assign a specific member to your project for oversight.

**How long do I have to complete my project?**

Accepted and funded projects should be completed by December 31 of the award year.

**If I go over budget, are there additional Grant funds available?**

There will be no additional funds available to Grant recipients after initial award decisions, so diligence regarding the project budget is encouraged.

**If my project is completed under budget, what should happen with the extra funds?**

All GACC funds approved for a particular project are to be used for that project only. Any remaining funds are to be returned to the GACC so they may be used to fund projects proposed during the next funding cycle.

**Who should I contact if I need more information?**

You may send the AGC any questions or comments to [GreaterAvenuesGrants@gmail.com](mailto:GreaterAvenuesGrants@gmail.com). A committee member will be happy to communicate with you.

**Where can I get more information about the Greater Avenues Community Council?**

Besides your monthly Community Newsletter, The Agenda, you may find more information here <https://slc-avenues.org/>.