



## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The County of Riverside's Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program provides small grants to qualified residents. This grant provides no-cost cleanup services to residents and tenants. As an incentive to encourage their active participation in community revitalization, County residents are given the opportunity to improve their property as well as the neighborhood and community at-large.

### GRANT AMOUNTS:

Applicants may receive up to \$5,000 in Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program funds. For projects of significant impact to the neighborhood or community as a whole, the Riverside County Economic Development Agency may increase the maximum grant amount.

Applications for the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program can now be submitted from **May 30 through July 31, 2015** from eligible residents within the unincorporated communities of **Aguanga, Cabazon and Home Gardens**. Non-profit groups involved in cleanup projects in these communities may also be approved.

Grant applications and detailed information are available at [WWW.RIVCOEDA.ORG](http://WWW.RIVCOEDA.ORG)

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

#### Physical Improvements

- Waste bins for the removal of accumulated trash and debris and/or unwanted items such as old furniture, appliances and lawn furniture;
- Demolition of unoccupied substandard building and structures;
- Removal of unpermitted or substandard mobile homes that are unoccupied;
- Demolition of significantly deteriorated residences and/or garages;
- One-time yard clean-up for an elderly citizen, disabled person, etc.;
- Neighborhood clean-up; and
- Vacant lot clean-up

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

#### Examples of ineligible activities include:

- On-going maintenance of landscaping, signage, or environmental projects
- Rebuilding of any structure or fence that was removed
- Trimming or removal of trees
- Removal of weeds or permanent greenery
- Removal of vehicles/recreational vehicles
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Completed applications may be delivered, mailed or faxed to:

#### HOME GARDENS

Grace Escobar  
44-199 Monroe St.  
Indio, CA 92201  
Phone: 760-863-2586  
Fax: 760-863-2551  
Email: [gcescobar@rivcoeda.org](mailto:gcescobar@rivcoeda.org)



#### AGUANGA / CABAZON

Becky Mitchell  
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Riverside, CA 92501  
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## Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program Application

This application must be completed in full. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.

**Applicant Information:** (Please Print Clearly)

Applicant's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No.: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No.: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Property Owner's Name (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person & Title (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Property Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No.: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No.: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Information (REQUIRED):**

Service being requested for: Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property vacant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (On County Tax Bill)

**Description of service(s) requesting (Be as thorough as possible – REQUIRED):**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the following with your application: (Please indicate the address on all sheets submitted for review)

- **Proof of owner of record/legal tenant**, such as, a copy of the Grant Deed or Lease Agreement, and if applicable, a copy of Registration of Mobile Home Title.

The "CDBG Agreement" will be executed outlining the terms of the Economic Development Agency, County of Riverside CDBG Grant Program upon Agency's approval of the application. The CDBG Grant Program does not cover any work performed prior to Agency approval of the application or any work performed without the expressed, written consent of the Agency.

**Certification Statement:**

I/We acknowledge the filing of this application and certify that all above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Date RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval / Denial **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

CDBG Project Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_







# Rules & Guidelines

## Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to assist residents in unincorporated low-moderate income communities of Riverside County. This program is intended to assist property owners/tenants, who are seeking financial support, for exterior property cleanup including the removal of high risk health and safety issues/items. Any property owner/tenant who owns and resides in the communities of Home Gardens, Aguanga, and Cabazon are invited to apply. The Riverside County Economic Development Agency retains the right to determine the applicant's eligibility.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Residential property owners/tenants must reside within the boundaries of Supervisorial Districts 2,3, and 5's communities of Home Gardens, Aguanga, and Cabazon **and commit the funds to the cleanup or removal of health and safety issues/items\***. Applications from residents that do not own and reside in the communities listed on this document will not be considered and will be discarded.
2. **Proof of owner of record/legal tenant**, such as, a copy of the Grant Deed, Lease Agreement, and/or written consent by the property owner. If applicable, a copy of Registration of Mobile Home Title must be may be required. Organizations and clubs must have 501(c) (3) status with the IRS (please provide proof).

As part of the application process the program manager will schedule an initial property visit to assess the eligibility and determine the scale of the cleanup project.

### RULES:

1. ONLY property owners/tenants that reside in eligible CDBG unincorporated communities. Applicants that do not reside in the eligible communities will NOT be considered.
2. Applicants will be processed on a first come first serve basis. Program is provided one time per property owner.
3. Participants are required to agree to maintain the property clean for a minimum of five (5) years (60 months). Property needs to be maintained in a clean and safe manner and remain clean from the items removed or the area cleaned.
4. Applications must be received **no later** than **July 31, 2015**.
5. Participants must give **CONSENT** to the Economic Development Agency and its representatives, including vendors and contractors, to enter upon their property for the purpose of removal and disposal of the items or performance of the beautification services.
6. Participants (Owner/Tenant) is not **ALLOWED** to deposit ANY hazardous waste into the waste container bins (roll-offs) that are being provided as part of this agreement. All materials deposited into the waste container bins (roll-offs) provided by the waste hauler/contractor shall be free of all hazardous wastes as defined by applicable federal, state, county, city, or local laws or regulations. Hazardous waste may include, but is not limited to: **tires, engines, pesticides, empty drums, motor oil, batteries, fertilizers, paint, anti-freeze, solvents, gasoline, motor parts, pool chemicals, rodent poisons, transmission/brake fluids, weed killers/herbicides, bleach/tub & tile cleaners, dirt, electronic devices, televisions, computers, monitors, microwave ovens, propane tanks, and medical waste including sharps.**
7. Participants will be liable for any additional costs incurred outside of the scope of the program agreement, including, but not limited to services directly requested by participant to vendor without the approval from EDA Program Manager.

Participants (Owner/Tenant) must assume all liability, claims, demands, or damages incurred by the waste hauler/contractor in violation signed agreement.

### GUIDELINES:

1. Cleanup services/equipment will be delivered to approve property and Participants must complete cleanup activities before 30 days from date of delivery. Approved activities include residential and community block cleanups, equipment and tools including waste bins for the removal of excessive outside rubbish/trash, demolition of unoccupied substandard/unpermitted structures and mobile homes, and other community-based projects that result in sustainable improvements.
2. A "Right of Entry and Consent to Abate Agreement" will be executed outlining the terms of the Riverside county Economic Development Agency, CDBG Grant Program upon Agency's approval of the application. The CDBG Grant Program does not cover any work performed prior to Agency approval of the application or any work performed without the expressed, written consent of the Agency.
3. Maximum of \$5,000 may be approved per property for cleanup and removal of health and safety issues/items. Funds will be paid out directly to County approved vendors.
4. **Funds will NOT be used to pay for:** Ongoing maintenance of landscaping, signage, environmental projects, rebuilding of any structure/fence removed, trimming or removal of trees, weeds or permanent greenery, and removal of any vehicles including recreational vehicles.

**DISCLAIMER:** The County of Riverside is not responsible for any injuries that may occur while at a cleanup site. All Participants in the Neighborhood Improvement Grant program waive and release the County of Riverside its agencies, departments, officers, representatives, employees and contractors ("County Representatives") from any and all liability in connection with the cleanup. Applicants shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County Representatives from any liability, claim, damage or action whatsoever arising out of or related in any way to the Abatement or this consent.

