

**CITY OF OBERLIN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION  
FUNDING APPLICATION  
Calendar Year 2021**

Name of Organization: Neighborhood Alliance

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Is your organization part of a larger Federal,  
State, or Other Agency, Organization, or Group?



YES



(Circle one)

If YES, what is the name and total annual budget  
of the larger Agency, Organization, or Group?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your local organization's annual budget? \$ 3,666,000

What amount/percentage goes towards Administration \$ 513,240 % 14

Prior year (2020) City of Oberlin funding: \$ 60,000

Current year (2021) request: \$ 25,000

Estimated number of individuals you expect to serve: 150

How many are Oberlin City residents 150 What is the % of total 100 %

Cost related to serving Oberlin residents: \$ \$25,000

If circled "yes" to the above question identified with \*\*\*, what amount of funding is received to serve Oberlin residents from Federal, State or Other agency?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do other Cities, Townships, Villages, or other governmental unit (not already identified above) provide funding to your organization?



(Circle one)

**If YES, on a separate attachment list all governmental units, including the amount of funding and funding purpose.**

What specific program(s) or service(s) do you intend to provide with the City's funds, if granted, and/or what would be cut or reduced if the City funding was not granted?

**PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESPONSE, INCLUDING A SUMMARY AND  
DETAIL DESCRIPTION – please limit to 1 page.**

Did your organization receive City of Oberlin funding in the prior calendar year (2020)?



(circle one)

**IF YES, on a separate attachment, indicate how the funding was used, provide indicators of your success as a result of receiving City of Oberlin funding, AND provide an accounting of any funds remaining from your prior award. Also, please include any collaborative measures you have taken over the past year.**

Are these programs or services currently also provided by some other agency, group or organization in Oberlin?



(circle one)

If YES, what program or service, and by what agency, group or organization and how does your organization complement or extend the program or service?

Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Services is the primary provider of Supportive Care and Socialization Opportunities to this population in Oberlin. The food pantry at the Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Services of Oberlin opened in September 2018 in response to growing need expressed by the older adults who came to the Senior Center. Oberlin Community Services also provides food in the Oberlin community. The Emergency Food Pantry located at the Senior Enrichment Services Oberlin Senior Center is set up for seniors in particular due to location on the site of the Senior Center. No one in need is turned away, but the large majority of those who receive food from our pantry are

Other information you would like to provide regarding your request:

Our request is for support to provide "emergency" home delivered meals and Supportive Services (observing social distancing mandates) in Oberlin. Individuals in need can call for service or be referred in by other social service providers or family members. We will not be reopening the Oberlin Senior Center for in-person activities at this time yet due to the state mandates that require among other things, weekly COVID-19 testing by staff and participants. We are continuing to provide Wellness phone checks on a schedule determined by conversations with each senior, in consideration of their needs, living situation and family support. We continue to offer Supportive Services, monthly Emergency Choice Food Pantry and essential food and supply drops to those who choose to remain in their homes out of health and mobility concerns. We know that COVID-19 is impacting our older population in greater numbers and the vaccine has been slow to be rolled out to provide protection to this vulnerable group. We may consider coordinating in-person activities with partnership locations when the health climate allows it. We did hold outdoor gatherings in 2020; these opportunities were welcomed by all who attended.

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**Include the following documents:**

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| -Most recent audit and/or annual report    | -Current Insurance certificate *                               |
| -Most recent financial statements          | -Detail of any funding remaining from last year's city's award |
| -Your Organizations proposed budget        | -Other items as noted in the application                       |
| -List of your organization's Board Members |  |

\*Insurance certificate must, 1) be in the name of the applicant organization; 2) list the City of Oberlin as the certificate holder AND as **additional insured**; 3) cover the period of the funding request; and 4) have a minimum \$1,000,000 liability coverage, preferred would be \$2,000,000 or more.

**And return no later than January 22, 2021 to:**

**Finance Director  
City of Oberlin  
69 S. Main St.  
Oberlin, OH 44074**

**Or by Email:  
[stalarico@cityofoberlin.com](mailto:stalarico@cityofoberlin.com)**

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RESOLUTION NO. R00-04 CMS

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE RELATING TO THE BUDGETARY AMOUNT THAT MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE EACH YEAR BY OBERLIN CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO FUND CONTRACTURAL AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED TO THE CITY BY VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the following policy and procedure is hereby established by Oberlin City Council relating to the process for possible budgetary funding of contractual service opportunities for community organizations:

- A. City Council will endeavor to designate up to 1.75% of the General Fund Expenditures of the next year's proposed budget for contractual opportunities for community organizations. This will take place during the normal budget cycle. A new line item will appear as a part of the municipal budget titled "community organization service contracts".
- B. City Council will annually appoint a committee of two (2) of its members to review with the City Auditor the following information received from proposed community organization service providers, meet with those proposed providers, and issue a written recommendation to City Council at its first meeting of January each year:
  - 1. Each organization's most recent audit and/or annual report.
  - 2. Each organization's proposed budget.
  - 3. The proposed amount of contractual service that is being offered.
  - 4. The specific details of the proposed contractual service.

**SECTION 2.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

**PASSED:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - February 7, 2000 (E)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading -

NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE 2021 REQUEST TO CITY OF OBERLIN FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEALS FOR SENIORS WITHIN OBERLIN

**What specific program(s) or service(s) do you intend to provide with the City's funds, if granted, and/or what would be cut or reduced if the City funding was not granted?**

Neighborhood Alliance has served the Oberlin community since the late 1990's at the 90 East College location. In the past nineteen years, we have provided 11,440 seniors with nearly 176,400 opportunities for seniors to remain socially active and engaged in their community; these numbers will be updated 3/2021 to reflect 20 years. In 2019 we saw 891 seniors each month visit the Senior Enrichment Center of Oberlin for crafts, recreational activities, trips and socialization programs totaling 22,364 units of service. Food pantry services were utilized by 528 individuals as part of 271 households. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way supportive services need to be delivered to seniors to reduce their risk of exposure to this very deadly disease. Last year brought many challenges as we continued to provide much needed assistance in very different ways.

After two months of operation in January and February 2020, the center was closed when the extent of the pandemic was realized. Supportive Services pivoted into a more contactless delivery system including phone call wellness checks, Zoom Caregiver Support meetings, and porch drops off essential food and supplies. The Emergency Choice Food Pantry remained open and served 415 seniors as part of 399 households in 2020. In addition, we delivered 130 units of supportive service in Oberlin. This was in the form of Wellcheck calls, referrals, essential supply drops, Emergency Food deliveries and equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, etc) lending.

Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Services Home Delivered Meals program is the largest in the county. In the past 19 years, we have provided 2,036,178 meals prepared and delivered to 10,133 Lorain County nutritionally-at-risk and disabled seniors. We continue to have a wait list in the City of Oberlin.

Although we cannot provide services at the Oberlin Senior Center, we propose offering many of the supportive services we had in the past in a different way. We would provide 150 individuals with Virtual Supportive Services and would anticipate each individual would access multiple units of service; this would include Wellness calls, referrals, essential supply and food deliveries. We would also like to address the current wait list for home delivered meals within the City of Oberlin and add up to 11 individuals each month into the Emergency Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program. Currently, there is a county-wide wait list of 175, down from a historic high of 567 individuals in March 2020 but rising once again as a more contagious form of COVID has people staying home; several of those on the waitlist are Oberlin residents.

We request that the City considers our proposal for \$25,000 to provide at minimum 130 units of Wellness checks and 11 funded Emergency Home Delivered Meal spots to address the Oberlin waitlist. We will continue to operate the Emergency Choice Pantry at 90 E. College with contactless service as we wait to see how the health climate may change once summer arrives. At this point, we cannot provide in-person services at the Oberlin Senior Center. Without city funding, we will not be able to provide senior supportive services to any residents unless they are already in the HDM program. That program can only add new clients through attrition and although there is certainly turnover, in many cases we cannot get a new client started before their needs are so great, meaning most likely they cannot remain in their homes and have to move into assisted living. With funding from the City we can start individuals in need of meals in an emergency capacity and then move them into a permanent HDM spot when one opens up.

**NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE 2021 REQUEST TO CITY OF OBERLIN FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEALS FOR SENIORS WITHIN OBERLIN**

**Indicate how the funding from 2020 was used, provide indicators of your success as a result of receiving City of Oberlin funding, AND provide an accounting of any funds remaining from your prior award. Also, please include any collaborative measures you have taken over the past year.**

Thanks in part to funding from the City of Oberlin, we provided units of service between January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020 including some of the following activities and total attendance:

- Free Lunch Mondays and Fridays - 341 meals provided
- Tuesday Breakfasts Group - 12 regular participants
- Ladies Tea –6 regular participants
- Afternoon Movie and snack - 52 participant visits
- Looms and Needles - 94 participant visits
- Fitness and Wellness - 182 participant visits
- Caregiver Support Group averages 5 participants per month
- Tax Support served 128 participants
- Medical services including a nurse and podiatrist provided 52 participants with various medical assistance
- Line Dancing averages 122 participants per month
- Nite-Out Gang averages 8 participants per month
- Scrabble averages 31 participants per month
- Bridge/Canasta averages 36 participants per month
- Library/Computer Room - classes have served 8 participants
- In-center Volunteer opportunities have had 34 participants
- Hearing Screenings – 2 participants
- Chatter Box Newsletter – 350 newsletters hand delivered each month by center volunteers

In addition, after the Center closed in March 2020, we provided:

- Food pantry visits 414 households and individuals
- Wellness calls/checks 3,354- Jan – Sept
- New Boiler installed in the center
- CHRISTMAS IN JULY Event held for 25 attendees
- Summer BINGO gathering held for 32 attendees

Individuals benefitting from the services provided by the Oberlin Senior Center/Senior Enrichment Services staff are part of the large and growing number of older adults who want to stay active and engaged in their community but remain in isolation due to the pandemic. The Senior Enrichment team offered mobile, social distancing summer 2020 programming to aid and nurture those who wanted to get out and socialize in a safe, socially distanced organized activity. Funding for Supportive Services and Socialization Programs ensures a strong senior community, where older consumers can continue to count on and access not only the assistance they need, but also enjoy connections to community. Even though the center is remaining closed during the pandemic, the members of the center are supported by Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Services staff who remain committed to serving the needs of older adults through supportive services offered by Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Services.

### **Other Cities that provide Funding**

- **The City of Avon provides \$25,000 in annual funding for shelter nights at the Neighborhood Alliance Emergency and Shelter Services Haven Center**
- **The City of Elyria funded Emergency Meals for Elyria residents in 2020. The total of this funding was \$8500.**
- **The City of Lorain is currently \$60,000 for funding Shelter Nights at the Neighborhood Alliance Emergency and Shelter Services Haven Center**





Neighborhood Alliance

FY 2021 Agency Operating Budget

REVENUE

<u>Government and Foundation Support</u>	
Government Support	\$2,854,600
Foundation Support	\$305,000
<b>Total Government &amp; Foundation Support</b>	<b>\$3,159,600</b>
Program Service Fees	\$44,000
<u>Private Support-General Contributions</u>	
General Operating Fund Contributions	\$195,500
Special Events	\$75,000
<b>Total Private Support-General Contributions</b>	<b>\$270,500</b>
United Way	\$141,900
Other Income (Misc. & Investment Income)	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b><u>\$3,666,000</u></b>

EXPENSE

Human Resource Expense

Salaries, Taxes & Benefits	\$2,173,401
Employment Costs (Finger, Drug, Bckgrnd)	\$6,150
Staff Development (Training, Incentives)	\$10,950
<b>Total Human Resource Expense</b>	<b>\$2,190,501</b>

Client Program Expense

Program Supplies	\$347,082
Food & Kitchen Supplies	\$203,375
Program Eqpt. (Cell, Copier, Computers)	\$67,326
<b>Total Client Program Expense</b>	<b>\$617,783</b>

Facility Expense

Utilities (Phone, Electric, Gas, Water)	\$113,385
Grounds - Maintenance & Supplies	\$31,033
Buildings - Rep., Maint. & Suppl.	\$106,037
Vehicles - Repair & Maintenance	\$29,500
<b>Total Facility Expense</b>	<b>\$279,950</b>

Administrative Expense

Liability Insurance	\$55,000
Advertising & Promotion	\$38,500
Professional Services and Office Expense	\$114,232
Administrative Allocation	\$370,034

**Total Administrative Expense** \$577,766

**TOTAL EXPENSE** **\$3,666,000**

**TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) NET ASSETS** \$0





**2020**

**AFFILIATION**

Michael Bickerton (2021)	Treasurer	Northwest Bank, retired
Gina Carlson		Fortune Brands Global Plumbing Group/MOEN
Breck England		Sherwin Williams
Amy Emery		Corrigan Krause
Jeff Hudson		
John Keshock (2020)		Attorney-at-Law
Robert Lando (2020)		Agrinomix LLC
Michelle McGhee (2021)		Lorain County Community College
Paula Pitasky (2021)		
Rita Rutherford (2021)	Secretary	Avon Lake City Schools, retired
Heather Scaglione	Chair	PolyOne Corporation
Ellen Shafer (2021)		Canterbury Coaching and Consulting
Shawn Stine		Hylant
Joe Szelempa (2021)		Chemical Bank
Kathy Valderrama (2020)	Vice Chair	Ernst and Young LLP
Alicia Foss		Neighborhood Alliance President/CEO

