



Sustainable Neighborhood Network Program Application Guide

What makes a good application?

A competitive application will show support from your neighborhood, both from individuals and a Councilmember if possible. Signatures and letters of support from local organizations and businesses are great too!

Competitive applications will include proposed sustainability initiatives, projects, and topics that you would like to address in the neighborhood – anything from increasing recycling rates, to holding a sustainability potluck series, to signing neighbors up for energy advising, and more. Feel free to refer to the “Goals, Target Areas, Suggested Projects” brochure for ideas. The city staff evaluation team will consider how you plan to make these initiatives and projects happen although emphasis should be on why you want to do them.

Below is a list of the criteria used to evaluate all applications:

- Neighborhood support (includes # of signatures, support from local organizations/businesses, Councilmember, etc.)
- Quality of proposed projects (how detailed the proposal is, how clear the goals are, and their connection to existing City or neighborhood resources)
- History of success or collaboration on neighborhood projects
- Neighborhood diversity (socio-economic, race, ethnicity, age can all be considered)
- Selection for Sustainable Neighborhoods program is likely to be catalytic (cause positive change) for the neighborhood

Thank you for your interest in the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and good luck with your application! If you have any questions, or need assistance with the application, please contact Melody Mascarenaz at mmascarenaz@c3gov.com or Olivia Quagliani at oquagliani@c3gov.com.