



SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE 2017 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARD PROGRAM GRANT INSTRUCTIONS

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program committed to building beautiful, healthy and active communities. The **Community Mitzvah Award program** engages seasonal residents in beautification efforts. Camps and bungalow colonies of all faiths are eligible to apply. This special competition includes an interactive discussion regarding Halachas (codes) of the Shulchan Aruch (the book of laws) which identifies an individual's responsibility to the earth. Program participants will receive a "seed grant" of \$1,000.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To promote cleanliness and beautification of seasonal camp and bungalow colony properties.
- To raise awareness among campers and camp owners/staff about the importance of appearance in the larger community.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Up to ten seasonal camps and/or bungalow colonies will be selected to participate in the program.
2. The program requires participants to enhance and maintain the grounds and facilities that are visible from the public road. This includes, regular litter removal and grass cutting, upkeep of fencing and signage, maintenance of dumpster enclosures/garbage storage areas and regular removal of garbage in these areas. Items that will detract from scoring and judging include, laundry and debris along the fence and roadway, hanging tarps, dumpsters that are not enclosed and visible trash (discarded mattresses, broken furniture and toys, etc.)
3. Participants are encouraged to engage in actions to further beautify their grounds and facilities. Each camp/bungalow colony will receive a list of suggestions:
 - Projects that are easy and inexpensive to fix,
 - Major structural improvements that may require an expenditure,
 - Ideas for landscaping, tree planting, flower gardens, and other aesthetic improvements.
4. Applications are due no later than **June 2, 2017**, but you may begin work at any time. The program will officially begin on **June 26, 2017** and continue through **August 2, 2017**.
5. Weekly roadside inspections will be performed and photos taken. Feedback and suggestions will be emailed to participants in an effort to help with project success.
6. Campers and/or staff are required to participate in an educational presentation during the program. Sullivan Renaissance will arrange for a keepsake to be provided for the children involved.
7. Five participants will be selected as finalists, based on the weekly reviews conducted since June 26. These finalists will be part of the judging process in early August when they will be evaluated by an impartial team of experts from outside Sullivan County. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - 40 points – Maintenance/Tidiness Effort
 - 40 points – Beautification
 - 10 points – Educational Instruction (children and adults). In order to receive all 10 points, instruction should be given to both children and parents.
 - 10 points – Discretionary Bonus Points will be given for activities such as planting a vegetable garden, an educational gardening program or implementing a recycling program.

8. Participation in the judging process makes the camps eligible for grant prizes/awards (Phase II grants) of up to \$10,000. These Phase II grants will be announced at the annual Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on August 7, 2017 and publicized in the local press and other publications. Participants will be recognized on stage at the Awards Ceremony. Kosher refreshments will be available.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

First time participants will receive two decorative containers with flowers and maintenance instructions. Judges will check to see if these have been maintained throughout the contest. These containers must be either stored for use in the future or returned to Sullivan Renaissance at the end of the season. Prior contestants are expected to replant their containers the following year and they too will be monitored by the judges.

Receipts for Phase I grants are due no later than July 21, 2017 in order to be eligible for the contest/judging. After verification of receipts, participants will receive an additional completion grant of \$250.

GRANT PRIZES:

PHASE I GRANT \$ 1,000.00

PHASE II GRANTS

First Place	\$10,000.00
Second Place	\$ 5,000.00
Third Place	\$ 3,000.00
Completion Grant	\$ 250.00

Note: participants receiving first, second or third place award will not receive a completion grant.

DOCUMENTATION AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Sullivan Renaissance requires fiscal accountability for all grants (both Phase I and II) in the form of receipts for materials and in kind matches of material, services and labor. Receipts for Phase I grants are due on **July 21, 2017**. Phase II grant recipients must spend their grant awards and receipts submitted within one year. Phase II grants may be used for beautification and/or enhancements to camp facilities that are visible from the public road and additional purchases to fulfill camp needs. Purchases should be durable goods or equipment and cannot be used to pay for regular expenses such as utilities, insurance, etc.

Awarding of Phase II grants are subject to a final end of season inspection to confirm that property has been closed appropriately and in keeping with the spirit of this award.

COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARD RECEPTION

Applicants will be invited to a Kosher reception on July 19, 2017 to discuss and share information regarding the program.

For information about the Community Mitzvah Award Program, contact:

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To submit a grant:

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**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE
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GRANT APPLICATION**

Name of seasonal property: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone (day): _____ Cell: _____

Summer address: _____

Summer Phone: _____ Email: _____

On-Site Contact (Caretaker): _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (eve): _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check the box(s) below that best describe your property:

- Bungalow Colony
- Summer Camp (i.e. sports, health, religious camps, etc...)
- Yeshiva
- Other _____

1. What do you hope to accomplish through this program? Why do you want to participate in this program?

2. Have you participated in the Community Mitzvah Award Program in the past? Yes-Year: ____ No

3. Do you still have your decorative flower containers? Yes No

4. Have you submitted receipts for last year's completion grant? (if applicable) Yes No

5. Is photography permitted at the educational program? Yes No

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

PRINT NAME

DATE

2017 COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARD SUMMARY OF INKIND, LABOR AND MATERIALS

CAMP/BUNGALOW COLONY: _____

PROVIDER	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	DATE	VALUE	TOTAL
LANDSCAPING				
HARDSCAPE MATERIALS SUPPLIES				
LABOR				
OTHER:				
TOTAL:				

* This form must be completed and submitted by July 21, 2017 in order to qualify for Phase I grants.