



SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE 2018 MULTICULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARD INSTRUCTIONS

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program committed to building beautiful, healthy and active communities in Sullivan County, NY. The **Community Mitzvah Award Program** engages seasonal residents in a beautification competition that also includes an interactive discussion regarding Halachas (codes) of the Talmud that identifies an individual's responsibility to the earth.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To engage seasonal residents in efforts to promote cleanliness and beautification of seasonal properties.
- To raise awareness among campers and camp owners/staff about the importance of appearance in the broader community.
- Up to ten seasonal camps and/or bungalow colonies will be selected to participate in the program. Camps and colonies of all faiths are eligible to apply.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Participation requires enhancing or maintaining grounds and facilities that are visible from a 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.

Participants are also encouraged to engage in actions to further beautify their grounds and facilities. A list of suggestions will be provided as part of the grant package and will include:

- 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

Weekly roadside inspections will be performed and photos taken. Feedback and suggestions will be emailed **weekly** to participants in an effort to support project success.

Campers and/or staff are required to participate in an educational presentation during the program. They will be recognized for their participation.

Based on progress and the weekly reviews, **five** properties will be selected as finalists for the judging process in early August. An impartial team of experts will evaluate the projects and select the winners who have accomplished the following criteria:

- Up to 40 points – Maintenance/Tidiness
- Up to 40 points – New signs, landscaped signs and/or entrances, roadside tree/shrub planting
- Up to 10 points – Educational program for children and adults
- Up to 10 discretionary Bonus Points will be given for activities such as planting a vegetable garden, offering additional educational programs or implementing a recycling program.

Winners will be eligible for grant prizes/awards (Phase II grants) of up to \$10,000 which will be announced at the annual Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on August 6, 2018. Participants will be recognized on stage at the Awards Ceremony. Kosher refreshments will be available. Winners will be publicized in the local press and other publications.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

PHASE I GRANT \$ 1,000.00

Receipts for Phase I grants are due no later than July 20, 2018 in order to be eligible for the contest/judging.
After verification of receipts, participants may receive a completion grant of \$250.

PHASE II GRANTS (Prizes)

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 awards 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.

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

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 must be durable goods or equipment. Funds cannot be used to pay for regular expenses such as utilities, insurance, etc.

Phase II grants must be spent and receipts submitted within one year (no later than August 1, 2019) or funds will be forfeited.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	Applications Due
March 21	Awards Announced
April 9	Grants Distributed
June 25	Contest officially begins – Work may begin at any time
August 1	Contest ends (camps are judged)
August 6	Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony

For information about the **Community Mitzvah Award Program** contact:

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**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE
2018 MULTICULTURAL GRANT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY MITZVAH AWARD APPLICATION**

Name of Seasonal Property: _____

Physical Address of Project: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

Year Round Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone (day): _____ Cell: _____

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 project do you hope to accomplish through this program?

2) Why do you want to participate in this program?

3) Have you participated in the Community Mitzvah Award Program in the past? Yes No

If yes, which year(s): _____ Have you refilled your containers with flowers? Yes No

4) Is photography permitted during the program? Yes No

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

PRINT NAME

DATE