

Neighbors across the country will soon have an exciting opportunity to help change their communities for the better through **State Farm Neighborhood Assist®.** As a company, State Farm® continues the effort through Neighborhood of Good® to inspire and empower people to turn caring into doing. As part of this platform, **State Farm Neighborhood Assist** is back for its seventh year in 2018.

State Farm invites the public to submit a community cause about which they’re passionate and to rally behind that cause for a chance to win a **$25,000 grant** through State Farm Neighborhood Assist. Anyone 18 years of age and older in the U.S. can participate. Here’s what you need to know:

* The cause submission phase is open from **June 6-June 15 or when 2,000 submissions are reached, whichever comes first.**
* You can submit one cause in one of the three categories of **safety**, **community** **development** or **education**.
* All you have to do is submit the cause; you don’t have to “run the program.”

State Farm Neighborhood Assist, a crowd-sourced philanthropic initiative, lets communities determine where grant funding is awarded. The application is short and simple, and I encourage you to learn more by visiting [www.neighborhoodassist.com](http://www.neighborhoodassist.com). You, or someone you know, could be the catalyst for positive change to your community cause!

Your application will be judged based on your answers to the following three questions:

* How much does your “Cause” focus on an unmet need in this community?
* Why do you feel the $25,000 would address the unmet need?
* How much of a lasting impact on this community would the proposal have?

After the submission phase ends, the State Farm Review Committee will read and narrow down all the submissions to the top **200 finalists.**

Once the top 200 causes are identified, they will appear on [www.neigborhoodassist.com](http://www.neigborhoodassist.com) to be voted on -by you and your community. The **voting phase will last from August 15-August 24** and each person gets up to 10 votes per day, every day during those 10 days.

The **top 40** causes with the most votes will each receive a **$25,000** grant from State Farm!

 **Winners will be announced on September 25** at [www.neighborhoodassist.com](http://www.neighborhoodassist.com).

***Key Dates for 2017 State Farm Neighborhood Assist:***

***• Submission phase: June 6-June 15 or when 2,000 submissions are reached, whichever comes first***

***• Voting Phase: Aug. 15-Aug.24***

***• Winners Announced: Sept. 25***

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