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**AAABoR REALTORS 2016 Placemaking Challenge Grant Program**

The Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS® will be offering grants to community and/or neighborhood organizations for creating small, inexpensive, and incremental community projects. The projects should foster activities that can help to improve a neighborhood and make it a better place to live, work, and play. The Association's grant program is called "Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper Placemaking Challenge".

The grants will be funded through the National Association of REALTORS® Placemaking Initiative Program. Grants are two levels: Level one—up to \$1,500 to renew and revitalize existing public spaces; Level two—up to \$3,000 to create new public spaces. There will be two grants available. The amount could be a portion of or the total cost for the project.

The Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS® (AAABoR) will be accepting applications for the grants from now – September 1, 2016. The grant application can be found [here](#) and more information about the types of projects that could be funded can be found [here](#), under "Lighter Quicker Cheaper" section header. The grant application must describe the project and have a local REALTOR® as a sponsor for it and have a before photo of the space to be improved.

Some other [examples of projects](#) that have received grants in other states are community gardens, farmer markets, play grounds, dog parks, public art displays, walking tours/signage and bus stop enhancements.

If you have any questions about this grant program, please contact the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS® at (734) 761-7340.

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