

2026 I Program Application

A digital version of this application can be completed online at: <https://form.jotform.com/253065103199152>.

ELIGIBILITY & NEIGHBORHOOD REGISTRATION:

Neighborhood associations must be registered on the City of Fort Wayne's website to be eligible to apply for and participate in this program. Please visit the following website to confirm that your registration is up to date and/or to register your association before applying: <https://engage.cityoffortwayne.org/fortwayneneighborhoods>.

Please check the boxes below to let us know whether your association is...

- ☐ Eligible to apply ☐ A Neighborhood Association ☐ A Homeowner's Association (HOA) ☐ An HOA with 3rd Party Management

TELL US ABOUT... YOU & YOUR TEAM!

Use this space to tell us more about you, your team, and your vision for the future! (FORT-ify applicants can have up to five representatives of their neighborhood participate in the program. Three of those representatives must live in the neighborhood. No more than two participants can live in the same household)

1. Neighborhood Association & Lead Applicant

Neighborhood Association Name & Quadrant: _____

Name (First & Last) _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Postal/ Zip Code _____ Association Role/ Title _____

2. Contact Information for Supporting Applicant 1

Name (First & Last) _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Role/ Relation to Neighborhood Association _____

(i.e., resident, business owner, association officer, association block captain, association member, etc.)

3. Contact Information for Supporting Applicant 2

Name (First & Last) _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Role/ Relation to Neighborhood Association _____

(i.e., resident, business owner, association officer, association block captain, association member, etc.)

4. Contact Information for Supporting Applicant 3 (Optional)

Name (First & Last) _____
 Email Address _____ Phone Number _____
 Address _____
 Role/ Relation to Neighborhood Association _____
(i.e., resident, business owner, association officer, association block captain, association member, etc.)

5. Contact Information for Supporting Applicant 4 (Optional)

Name (First & Last) _____
 Email Address _____ Phone Number _____
 Address _____
 Role/ Relation to Neighborhood Association _____
(i.e., resident, business owner, association officer, association block captain, association member, etc.)

6. Tell us about your vision for the future of your association in 20 words or less. (We're looking for leaders who are ready to take their work to the next level. Let us know what you hope to achieve in your association over the next few years.)

Team Knowledge & Skills: Working together is an essential value of Fort-ify! Let us know what you and your team members will bring to the cohort (i.e. skills, perspectives, resources, etc.).
1,750-character limit

TELL US ABOUT... YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

We'd love to know more about the community you are representing.

- 1. Neighborhood Characteristics.** Please let us know about your community's defining characteristics. You can include information about your neighborhood's size, location, character, and anything else you think is important in describing it (i.e., roughly how many households or residents are in it, median income, cultures and ethnicities of residents, etc.).

1,750-character limit

- 2. What do you or your team see as your neighborhood's biggest...**

...Strength?

...Challenge?

...Dream/ Opportunity?

TELL US ABOUT... YOUR ASSOCIATION!

We'd love to know more about your association and its structure! (Don't worry- If you're just getting established, that won't be held against you.)

- 1. Tell us about your neighborhood association.** Great details to mention include roughly how long the association has been around, how many members are involved in meetings, how often you meet, what projects you've completed, and any other details you think are important.

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TELL US ABOUT... YOUR VISION!

1. What issues would you be most interested in tackling/addressing in your community?

1000-character limit

2. What additional resources do you think you will need to achieve your goals?

1000-character limit

3. What song best represents your neighborhood and your hope for its future?

Please include the song name, artist, and a video link if possible.

CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT!

In order to complete the Fort-ify Program- and qualify for funding- all Fort-ify teams must meet the attendance, participation, and deliverables requirements outlined on pages 3 and 4 of the FAQ document. Please **initial here** to verify you and your team have read the requirements and are committed to completing them if selected for the 2026 cohort.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

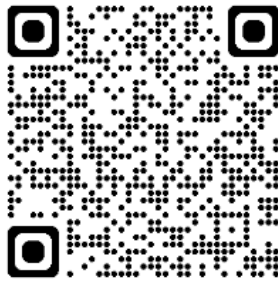
- ☐ Neighborhood Registration (with up-to-date contact information)
- ☐ Lead Applicant is an acting president or vice president of the neighborhood
- ☐ At least two supporting applicants are residents of the neighborhood
- ☐ Names and contact information of 2-4 supporting applicants.
- ☐ Completed Application & Initialed confirmed commitment

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 pm, January 30th

Applications can be submitted by using the online form or by completing the PDF application form and emailing it to rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org. Both the online and PDF forms can be found at <https://engage.cityoffortwayne.org/fortify> or by scanning the QR Code below.



Program website



Online Application

PROGRAM MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, contact Réna Bradley at rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org or by calling 260-427-2284.