

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) has established guidelines around how neighborhood association communications funds can be spent. Please refer to these guidelines if you have questions regarding what would be appropriate.

Excerpt from the Standards for Neighborhood Associations, District Coalitions, Business District Associations, And the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. 2005.

### Section IV. District Coalitions

#### 2. Operational Procedure

##### a. Communication

The following policies apply to District Coalitions and Neighborhood Association sanctioned communications including print and electronic media:

- i. Neighborhood Associations and District Coalitions are responsible for the content of their respective communications.
- ii. All positions taken or recommendations voted on are matters of record and may be reported in newsletters or reflected in official communications.
- iii. Neighborhood Associations shall not take positions in support of or opposition to any political candidate or party. They may take positions on ballot measures and referendums.
- iv. Neither city supplied funds nor private funds shall be used for communications in support of or in opposition to any political candidate. City supplied funds may not be used for communications in support or in opposition to ballot measures or referendum. Private funds, however, may be utilized regarding ballot measures and referendums.
- v. Communications presenting personal opinions of a citizen must be identified as such and the name of the author must be included.
- vi. Communications should not include statements that could be considered libelous or defamatory.
- vii. A copy of each District Coalition or Neighborhood Association newsletter should be on file at the respective District Coalition.
- viii. Neighborhood Associations not affiliated with a District Coalition

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should file a copy of each newsletter with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

In addition to these specific restrictions, when you are considering using communication funding from SE Uplift for your various projects, make sure the projects are in line with your mission, are clearly defined that they are from your association and the funds are being used to engage your neighbors. If you have questions about a specific project please contact us here at SE Uplift 503 232-0010.