

The LOVE THY 'NATI Awards Competition recognizes efforts by Tri-State communities, businesses, volunteers, and organizations to make our neighborhoods clean and safe. Cincinnati is beautiful, and with your help, we are keeping it that way!

## **AWARD ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is concerned, specifically, with innovative projects and community events that reduce litter, further recycling and beautification efforts, or address quality of life and sustainability issues related to overall community improvement. Judges will select the top three projects, and those winners will receive a \$500 cash prize\*. In order to win, nominees must be affiliated with a community organization or non-profit. If affiliation is unknown, please contact KCB. All entered projects and events must have occurred (at least in part) between March-November 2024. Community groups and individuals are welcome to enter multiple projects. The deadline to apply is **February 11th, 2025**.

## Examples:

- Projects initiated/led by youth, such as implementing a new recycling program at school, eco-art projects, Eagle Scout projects.
- Great American Cleanup projects addressing issues of environmental sustainability in a community.
- Projects that fit into KCB's Urban Revitalization Program Areas (arts, graffiti abatement, vacant lot stabilization, illegal dumping abatement) and address blight and quality of life issues in targeted areas.

## **AWARD NOTIFICATION & PRESENTATIONS**

All winners will be recognized at the **2025 Love Thy 'Nati Celebration on March 2nd at the Woodward Theater**. Winners *will not* be announced until the ceremony. All entrants will be invited to the event and are encouraged to invite those involved in the project. Please RSVP for the **2025 Love Thy 'Nati Celebration** on the forthcoming invitation.

\*All cash prizes must be invested back into the community. Any questions regarding eligibility and criteria should be directed to:

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