

Cultural Dance Demonstrations



Host dance demonstrations in your neighborhood that embrace and celebrate the cultural diversity and heritages within Fort Collins!

Budget

\$330-\$800

Difficulty Level

Medium

Location Suggestions

- Front yard
- Local park
- Community center with indoor space and a stage
- Closed-off street (Block Party Permit required)

City Support

[Mini-Grant funding](#) is available!

Material List | Estimated Cost

- **Hired dance performers | \$200-\$500, depending on timing and performer**
- **Portable sound system or phone | \$50**
- **Refreshments and food | \$5**
- **Rented tables and chairs | \$40-\$70**
- **Trash bins | \$10**
- **Optional:**
 - Signage and decorations | \$30
 - Block Party Permit

1-2 Months Before Event

Step by Step | How to Plan this Event

1 Research and Select Dance Performers

Identify local dance groups or individuals who specialize in a particular cultural dance styles!

1. If your **neighbors are dancers**, consider reaching out!
2. Keep in mind the **cultural identifies present within your neighborhood**. *Is there a specific dance style that would resonate with you and your neighbors?*



2 Select Time and Location

Choose a time and location with **adequate space for performances**.

- If you're closing a residential street, you will need to apply for a [Block Party Permit](#) for an eligible street.



3 Negotiate Performer Agreements

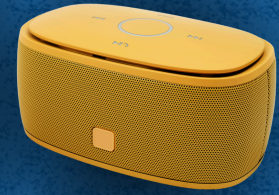
Reach out to dancers and discuss performance details, including:

- Fees
- Timing and date
- Selected dance performers
- Equipment they need

Pay dancers fairly. [Mini-Grant funding](#) is available to help compensate dancers!

4 Arrange Equipment

Rent or borrow any necessary equipment for the performances, like a sound system. Reserve as soon as possible! The dancers might have their own equipment.



 3 Weeks Before Event

5 Prepare Supplies

Purchase or gather any refreshments, decorations, or seating you might need. See what decorations, like string lights, you might already have in your house.



6 Promote Event

- **At Least 2-3 Weeks Before | Social Media and Email:** Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and/or Instagram. Email guests if possible.
- **1 Week Before | Flyers:** Go door-to-door. Design flyers, postcards, or personal invitations.
- **1 Day Before | Reminder:** Send out a reminder message on social media or by email.



7 Keep in Contact with Dancers

Maintain good communication with any hired dancers, making sure they have the most updated information about the event.

 Day-Of Event | 1 Hour Before

8 Set Up

Arrange the space for the performance area, seating for audience members, and refreshment station.

Fun Tip



Some dancers will offer **interactive segments or dance lessons**. Determine what works best for your neighborhood's comfort and activity level.



 Day-Of Event | Start of Event

9 Introduce the Performers

Introduce each dance performer or group before their performance, providing **background information** about the dance style. Some dancers may want to introduce themselves. Ask first!

10 Enjoy the Performances!