



## **District Improvement Program**

Toledo City Council established the District Improvement Program (“DIP”) in 2018 to enrich the quality of life for individuals, families and business owners throughout the City and empower community members to take steps toward long-term improvements. The purpose of the District Improvement Program is to give community members an opportunity to have direct input and influence into the improvement of their neighborhoods. The emphasis of the program is to help fund capital projects not currently planned by the City that have community-wide benefit.

The continuation of the program is subject to appropriation of funding by Toledo City Council. Applications will be approved for capital projects ONLY. The projects will remain under ownership of the city.

### **I. Application Process**

Community groups and organizations that are interested in completing a DIP project should submit a proposal containing all of the documents required in Section IV herein to the Department of Economic Development.

The Department Economic Development will review the application with the applicant to assure the proposed project meets the minimum requirements of the DIP. If additional information is needed, the applicant will be notified and permitted to submit supplemental information.

Once the Department of Economic Development has determined that the application is complete and qualifies for the DIP, the application will be scheduled for review by the DIP Review Committee, which will review the application based on the criteria identified in Section V herein and make a recommendation on the application to City Council.

### **II. Eligible Applicants**

Applications will be accepted from community-based groups and organizations. A community-based group or organization is one whose purpose, at least in part, is to improve the quality of life in an area. Groups may be formed solely for the purpose of completing a DIP project. This can include representatives from churches, schools, business associations, and other institutions operating in that neighborhood.

The following are not eligible for the DIP:

- Single Businesses
- Political Groups
- Individuals
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, political affiliation, or religious beliefs

### III. Eligible Projects

Projects must be a capital project that would be eligible under the City of Toledo's Capital Improvement Program. "Capital Improvement" is defined in Toledo Municipal Code Section 1905.14 as the original construction and/or purchase of any property, asset, or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more, including land and interests therein, and including reconstructions, enlargements, and extensions thereof having an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more. The project must have a public benefit. All DIP projects will remain the property of the City of Toledo.

### IV. Contents of Proposal

The following information **must** be included in all proposals. Please pay close attention to the details of your application or the application may not be considered complete.

- **Completed Application Form (attached).** The application should include a thorough explanation of the following.
  - **Purpose and need**– Describe the proposed project. State the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Identify the problems or needs which will be addressed. Identify the population that will benefit from this improvement.
  - **Project Location** – Describe in detail the location of the proposed project. Identify the property owner and provide, as an attachment, proof of the owner's permission to complete the proposed project.
  - **Implementation**– Summarize the plans and timeframe for the implementation of this project. Identify the individual(s) who will be responsible for overseeing the project and briefly describe their qualifications.
  - **Support and Sustainability**– Identify plans for securing additional funding if needed to complete this project. Also identify plans to secure ongoing support and maintenance for this project.

- o **Organizational Background** - Provide a brief background and history of the community group or organization, including when and how it was established, its mission or purpose, accomplishments to date and a listing of all current programs and services.
- o **Organizational Structure**—Provide a list of board members, principal staff, directors, trustees, or key decision makers inside your community group or organization.
- **Project Budget Attachment**— Please attach a one-page project budget, which includes:
  - o Projected income and expenses.
  - o All sources of funding.
- **Written Estimates – FOR PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO BE UNDER \$40,000**
  - o Submit written estimates from at least three (3) contractors or suppliers who are qualified to perform the work or provide the goods that will be required for the project. It is preferable that at least one estimate is obtained from a Minority Based Enterprise (MBE) or Women’s Based Enterprise (WBE) if possible.
  - o Current lists of City of Toledo certified MBE/WBEs can be found at [toledo.oh.gov/services/diversity-inclusion/mbewbe/](http://toledo.oh.gov/services/diversity-inclusion/mbewbe/)
  - o Projects involving personal services or labor estimated to be over \$10,000 are also subject to prevailing rates of wages in the Toledo area for the industry involved.
  - o If you have questions about meeting these requirements, please contact the Department of Economic Development for assistance.
  - o **PROJECTS OVER \$40,000 WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH THE CITY OF TOLEDO PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. THIS WILL BE DONE AFTER SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, BUT PRIOR TO REVIEW BY THE DIP REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

## V. Review Criteria

The DIP Review Committee will review applications based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility of the project and the proposed budget.
- Compliance with City codes.
- Likelihood the project will address the needs of the neighborhood.
- Longevity of the project.

- Neighborhood involvement in the project.
- Community-wide benefit.

## **VI. Submission of Applications**

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered upon submittal. Awards are subject to funds available for the applicable Council District at the time of application.

Please submit the application and all attachments requested in Section IV to:

**City of Toledo  
Department of Economic Development  
District Improvement Program  
One Government Center, 2250  
Toledo, Ohio 43604  
419-245-1044**



## District Improvement Program Application

Broadway Corridor Coaition

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### Applicant - Community Group or Organization

Steve Seaton

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### Phone

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Danny Thomas Park Amphitheater

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### Project Name

Danny Thomas Park

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### Project Location

\$ 75,000

\$ \$225,000

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### Grant Request

### Total Project Budget

#### 1. Please provide a brief description of the Project

An amphitheater stage with accessible pathway connections is being proposed for Danny Thomas Park. This facility will serve as performance space for small music, theater, and ceremonial events. The purpose behind its implementation is to provide a space that supports South Toledo families and provides a venue to foster greater community cohesion.

The park is owned by the City, and the amphitheater will be an appurtenance to the park. Construction will bid by the City Parks Department. Construction estimates for the amphitheater are being generated by the Parks Department.

2. **Purpose and need** – State the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Identify the problems or needs which will be addressed. Identify the population that will benefit from this improvement.

The amphitheater will provide a pleasant outdoor entertainment facility for the surrounding census tracts which are comprised of low and moderate income families and individuals. It is walkable for many residents of the OSE. There is a lack of nearby and affordable recreational activities in this area. The amphitheater will be conveniently located on Broadway Street and will augment the recent improvements to Danny Thomas Park including a baseball field, gazebo and basketball court.

3. **Project Location** – Describe in detail the location of the proposed project. Is this project in an area already targeted by the city of Toledo or any other state or federal agency for funding?

Danny Thomas Park is located at 2102 Broadway Street. This Old South End has several nonprofits that are funded by the City and/or State, including Historic South Initiative, the Believe Center, Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center, Mosaic Ministries, and Nuestra Gente Community Projects. The amphitheater project has been awarded a \$75,000 State of Ohio Capital Grant.

4. **Support and Sustainability** – Identify plans for securing additional funding if needed to complete this project. Also identify plans to secure ongoing support and maintenance for this project.

The amphitheater is a further improvement upon Danny Thomas Park Phase I, which included construction of a baseball field, gazebo and basketball court. Historic South Initiative secured the majority of the necessary funding for Phase I from various sources including the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, and a \$400,000 State Capital grant, for a total amount of \$1.2 million. HSI is committed to funding raising for the amphitheater, as well.

5. **Organizational Background** - Provide a brief background and history of the community group or organization applying for the grant. Include when and how it was established, its mission or purpose, accomplishments to date and a listing of all current programs and services.

The Broadway Corridor Coalition, Inc (BCC) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit community organization focused on the Old South End of Toledo. The BCC plans and promotes community and economic development in a neighborhood with significant challenges. The BCC fosters a diverse, connected, and collaborative neighborhood through open and active leadership, communication, promotion, and support of, by and for its members, residents, businesses, organizations, and visitors to the area.

6. **Organizational Structure** – Provide a list of board members, principal staff, directors, trustees, or key decision makers inside your community group or organization.

#### 2023 Broadway Corridor Coalition Board of Trustees

Believe Center	Elaina Hernandez	1 Aurora Gonzalez Dr, Toledo, OH 43609
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#### Broadway Corridor Coalition Officers

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