



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.
 - **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.

- **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:
 - Projected income and expenses.
 - All sources of funding.
- **Written Estimates – FOR PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO BE UNDER \$40,000**
 - 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.
 - Current lists of City of Toledo certified MBE/WBEs can be found at toledo.oh.gov/services/diversity-inclusion/mbewbe/
 - 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.
 - If you have questions about meeting these requirements, please contact the Department of Economic Development for assistance.
 - **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

Friends of Ottawa Park

Applicant - Community Group or Organization

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Ottawa Paved Loop Trail Improvements

Project Name

Ottawa Park

Project Location

\$100,000

Grant Request

\$269,500

Total Project Budget

1. Please provide a brief description of the Project

Portions of the 5K paved trail around the perimeter of Ottawa Park have been re-paved in recent years. The proposed project would finish re-paving the remaining 3500 feet of trail and perform preventative maintenance on another 3500 feet of trail to keep it in good condition.

- 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 proposed improvements would repair sections of trail that have completely failed. This portion of the trail is difficult to walk/run and is no longer accessible to individuals with mobility challenges.

- 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?

The section of trail targeted for re-paving goes through a wooded portion of the park along Kenwood Ave. The section of trail receiving preventative maintenance parallels Douglas Rd. An Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail grant is being pursued to offset a portion of the costs.

- 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 requested DIP funding will be used to fulfill match requirements for the \$150,000 ODNR Recreational Trails grant. Additional CIP funding has been approved by City Council to close any additional funding needs. Ongoing maintenance of the loop trail will be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Division.

- 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.

In 2006 the Friends of Ottawa/Jermain Parks was established as a 501c3 to assist with fund raising for the parks and to advocate for the activation of parks spaces for the betterment of the community. The friends group has successful held a concert series in the park for many years and has applied for and received multiple grants to perform updates to the parks.

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

2023 Friends Group Officers

President – Micheal Bowman

Vice President- Ethel Parker

Treasurer- Gino Torio

Secretary- Jay Catlow