



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.

- 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

ConnectToledo

Applicant - Community Group or Organization

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Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway Irrigation System

Project Name

Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway in Downtown Toledo

Project Location

\$ 46,000

\$46,000

Grant Request

Total Project Budget

1. Please provide a brief description of the Project

This request is for an irrigation system to support new perennial plantings to be planted next Spring in the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway. Plantings will be at the base of the Art Sculpture

- 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 grass and plantings in this area periodically become overgrown and are not on a regular maintenance schedule. The irrigation system and future plantings will help save the city money in the long run, and provide a better front door for Downtown Toledo as visitors enter from the Anthony Wayne Trail.

- 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?

This is in the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway at the base of the art sculpture and by the white wall on the other side of the roadway. This project was already completed by ODOT a couple years ago.

- 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 request should cover the total cost for this project

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.

Connectoledo is the Downtown Toledo Development Corporation and representative for the Downtown Toledo Improvement District. We have existed for nearly 20 years and have lead the way on beautifying and maintaining downtown for years. We are funded by property owners downtown and by memberships of many corporate partners. We operate the downtown ambassador program, and conduct many economic development projects for downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

6. Organizational Structure - Provide a list of board members, principal staff, directors, trustees, or key decision makers inside your community group or organization. Staff-Paul Toth President, Mac Driscoll Projects Manager, Hannah Dearth Marketing Coordinator. Both boards are listed on our website connectoledo.org