



Legislation Text

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District Improvement Program  
Toledo City Council  
Councilman Tom Waniewski (x1281)

**Authorizing the Mayor to implement a District Improvement Program (DIP); encumbering \$750,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund; and declaring an emergency.**

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Toledo City Council has funded, through the budgeting process, \$125,000 for each Council District to be used for capital improvements to enrich the quality of life for individuals, families and business owners. This District Improvement Program (DIP) will empower community members to take steps toward long-term improvements. The purpose of DIP 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized and directed to implement a District Improvement Program (DIP) with the following objectives and criteria:

A. 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. All such projects will remain the property of the City of Toledo. The project must have a public benefit.

B. 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 advocating for a DIP project. These groups can include representatives from churches, schools, business associations, and other institutions operating in that neighborhood. The following are not eligible to apply for DIP projects: single businesses, political groups, individuals and organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, political affiliation, or religious beliefs

C. Applications: allocations will be awarded based upon a submitted application to the DIP Review Committee. Application guidelines will be established by the Department of Development upon terms and conditions as the Directors of Law and of Neighborhoods & Business Development deem to be in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2. That a three-member DIP Review Committee shall be formed to review DIP applications. The City’s Neighborhoods & Business Development Director, or her designee, will sit in an ex-officio capacity on the Committee. The District Council Member representing the District in which a particular project is to be sited will also sit in an ex-officio capacity on the committee for those applicable applications. The President of Council, or his designee, will also sit in an ex-officio capacity on the committee. Different ex-officio designees may be designated for different applications.

SECTION 3. That an amount not to exceed \$750,000 is encumbered from the Capital Improvement Fund, account code 5040-16400-8CP1817DNGPRO, for the District Improvement Program.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that the same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property, and for the further reason that the Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to forthwith begin the District Improvement Program.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, as an emergency measure: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council