



PROJECT SUPPORT REQUEST

The Southeast Quadrant Team is seeking proposals from neighborhood groups and business associations for projects that will enhance neighborhoods and enable citizen action. The Team may be able to provide technical assistance and funds to support planning and execution.

Funding is available from two sources, each with a purpose. Money remaining from the former NBN program is to be used as it was under NBN. Money from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to be used for bricks-and-mortar projects to improve the public realm. Applicants are not required to provide matching funds but are encouraged to solicit donations of money and in-kind services. The funds are to be spent by December 31. Although time is short, applicants are urged to focus on high-value projects, not just expedient ones.

Examples of NBN-type projects:

- Neighborhood events such as workshops and festivals
- Beautification and clean-up projects, including purchase of flowers and tools
- Planning studies
- Publicizing meetings, events and activities, and preparation of newsletters, flyers, etc.
- Mailings, including stationary, envelopes and labels

Examples of Capital Improvement Program projects:

- Creating a community garden on a vacant, city-owned lot
- Installing public art in commercial corridor
- Constructing an information kiosk
- Installing lighting along streets and sidewalks
- Demolishing a vacant structure

Technical assistance available from the Quadrant Team includes:

- Identifying funds
- Linking to City departments
- Reviewing designs
- Evaluating compliance with building and zoning codes
- Determining environmental issues

Members of the Quadrant Team will evaluate the proposals using criteria that include:

- Amount of volunteer involvement
- Extent of community support
- Extent of financial support
- Degree of volunteer maintenance
- Geographic distribution throughout the quadrant

The enclosed Project Support Request form should be submitted as soon as possible to Peter Saxe at the address above.

