



TAMPA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SSD) GRANT

Downtown Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Grant – Downtown Decides

Program Overview:

The Downtown Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Grant is a dynamic initiative aimed at fostering vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods within Tampa's Downtown. The program offers annual grants of up to \$5,000 to each of the seven neighborhoods in Downtown Tampa. These grants are intended to fund community-driven projects that are free and accessible to all residents, workers, and visitors in the neighborhood. The program's primary objective is to enhance the quality of life for all members of the community and create a strong sense of belonging and engagement.

Project Eligibility and Scope:

Projects eligible for funding under this program should be community-oriented and contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood's overall experience. These projects should be accessible to everyone, irrespective of their background or economic status. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to, public art installations, outdoor recreational spaces, community gardens, establishing cultural events, educational workshops, and interactive public spaces. Projects should emphasize inclusivity, creativity, and community engagement.

Community Involvement:

A key requirement of this grant program is the active participation of neighborhood residents in the planning and implementation process. Applicants are encouraged to engage community members through workshops, surveys, meetings, and other forms of consultation to ensure that proposed projects accurately reflect the community's needs, aspirations, and values. Collaborative projects that demonstrate strong community engagement will be prioritized during the selection process.

Application and Selection Process:

The Downtown Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Grant application period opens on October 1 and closes on January 15 of the following year. Interested parties are invited to submit project proposals detailing the concept, objectives, budget, timeline, and community engagement strategies. A panel of experts from the Tampa Downtown Partnership's SSD Advisory Committee will evaluate the proposals based on their feasibility, community impact, inclusivity, and alignment with the program's objectives.

Execution and Support:

Once the selected projects are announced, the Tampa Downtown Partnership staff will provide comprehensive assistance in project execution. This support includes guidance on project management, budget allocation, procurement, permits, and coordination with relevant stakeholders. The Tampa Downtown Partnership staff's expertise and resources will be utilized to ensure the successful implementation of each project.

Program Impact:

The Downtown Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Grant aims to transform the neighborhoods within the Downtown area into thriving hubs of community activity, creativity, and shared experiences. By empowering residents to take an active role in shaping their neighborhoods and enhancing public spaces, the program seeks to strengthen community bonds, improve quality of life, and foster a sense of pride in the local environment.

NEIGHBORHOOD MAP



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-  SSD Boundary
-  Neighborhood Boundary



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Application

Instructions: This application must be written legibly and completed in full on the official application. Please complete each section of the application. Read each question carefully and respond in the space provided. Inquiries for the Downtown Tampa Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Application should be directed to Rachel Radawec via email at rradawec@tampasdowntown.com.

Applicant Information

Today's Date: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Name of Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Funds Requested (Up to \$5,000): _____

Program Details

Project Title: _____

Project Description

Project Objectives

Explain specific goals your project plans to achieve.



Community Engagement

Explain how you plan to engage members of the neighborhood in the planning and implementation process.

Expected Outcomes

Describe the expected outcomes and impacts of your project on the community and the neighborhood.

Partners

List any partners, organizations, and/or collaborators involved in this project.

Budget

Please provide a budget breakdown for your project. Include estimated costs for materials, labor, permits, and any other relevant expenses. The grant amount requested should not exceed \$5,000.

Allocated Expenses			
Description of Expenditures	Grant Funded Expenses (TDP)	Additional Expenses	Total Project Expense
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$	\$	\$



Many projects will exceed the \$5,000 cap; please include additional funding sources.

Funding Source	Amount (If known)

Timeline

Provide a timeline for the different phases of your project, including planning, implementation, and completion. Make sure to indicate key milestones and deadlines.

Phase	Dates
Planning Phase	
Implementation Phase	
Completion and Review Phase	

Community Engagement Strategy

Explain how you will involve neighborhood residents in the planning and implementation of your project.

This could include workshops, surveys, meetings, or other forms of engagement.

Project Impact

Detail how your project will enhance the experience of individuals who live, work, and play in the neighborhood. Describe the long-term benefits your project will bring to the community.



Attachments

Please attach any relevant documents, such as project designs, sketches, maps, or letters of support from community members.

Declaration

By submitting this application, we confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand that the selection of projects will be made by the Tampa Downtown Partnership's SSD Advisory Committee and that their decision will be final.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Please submit your completed application by January 15 to Rachel Radawec at rradawec@tampasdowntown.com.