



TAMPA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT (SSD) GRANT

FY26 Tampa's Downtown Neighborhood Placemaking Grant – Downtown Decides

Program Overview:

Tampa's Downtown Neighborhood Placemaking Grant is a dynamic initiative aimed at fostering vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods. The program offers annual grants ranging between \$2,500 - \$30,000 available to the seven neighborhoods of Tampa's Downtown. These grants are intended to fund community-driven projects that are free and accessible to all residents, workers, and visitors in the neighborhood, driving long-term impact. Number of grants awarded will be based on submissions and those requested funds. 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 through collaborative placemaking initiatives.

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 activation, educational workshops, and interactive public spaces. Projects should emphasize inclusivity, creativity, and community engagement. All programs must be free and open to the public. Applicants that have previously been awarded within the last 24-months will still be considered and are eligible to apply. However, applicants outside the 24-month window will be given selection priority.

Community Involvement:

A key requirement of this grant program is the active participation of neighborhood stakeholders in the planning and implementation process. Applicants should 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 engaging multiple stakeholders that demonstrate strong community engagement will be prioritized during the selection process.

Application and Selection Process:

Tampa's Downtown Neighborhood Placemaking Grant application period **opens on February 1 and closes on May 31**. Interested parties are invited to submit project proposals detailing the concept, objectives, projected 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. The selection process can take up to 45 days after application window closes.

Execution and Support:

Once the selected projects are announced, the Tampa Downtown Partnership staff will provide comprehensive assistance and facilitation in project execution. This support includes guidance on project management, budget allocation, vendor and billing 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. This grant is designed to be a collaborative and educational experience through the efforts of Placemaking Department.

Funding Process:

This grant is administered on a facilitated billing procurement. The Tampa Downtown Partnership will facilitate the distribution of the awarded funds directly to procured vendors/artists/contractors which have been approved and provided required documentation. The payments of this grant will operate on a deposit with a 30 net payout on final bills. The 30 net must fall within the active fiscal year (Oct - Sept). The impact report must be provided prior to the 30 net timeline. Should the project not be completed within the fiscal year, the applicant may provide a status update for an extension. Extensions apply **ONLY** to permitting and construction issues related to the initial application and must be received no later than 65 days after the initial application approval.



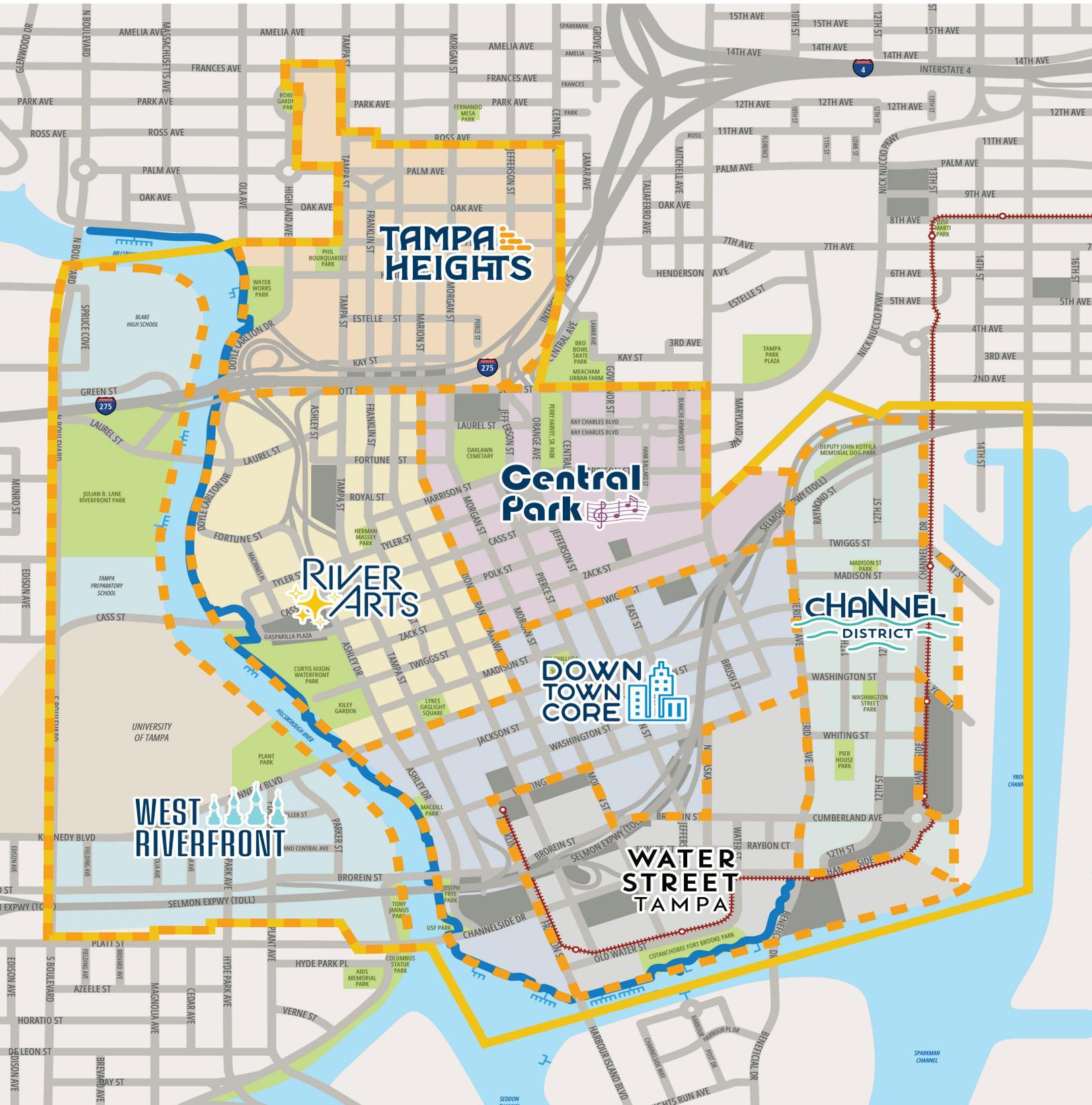
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Project Impact:

Tampa's Downtown Neighborhood Placemaking 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. Upon completion of the project and submission of reimbursement, we will request an impact report from grant recipients. This report will help us showcase how the grant is positively transforming the Downtown environment, highlighting measurable outcomes and long-term benefits. The impact report will be used to demonstrate the value of the grant in enhancing the vibrancy and overall experience of Tampa's Downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors.

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 Tampa's Downtown Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Application should be directed to Ivy Lupco via email at [iLupco@tampasdowntown.com](mailto:ILupco@tampasdowntown.com).

Applicant Information

Today's Date: _____

Neighborhood: _____

Name of Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Funds Requested: _____

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.

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



Many projects will have multiple collaborators, please include additional funding sources.

Funding Source	Amount (If known)

Projected 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 May 31, 2026 to Ivy Lupco at iLupco@tampasdowntown.com.