

Neighborhood Initiatives Fund



The **Neighborhood Initiatives Fund** (the “NIF”) Pilot Program, administered by the URA’s Economic Development department, will provide grants in order to:

- Help unlock the economic and placemaking potential within neighborhoods;
- Support vision-to-action community investment strategies that build an equitable Pittsburgh; and
- Formalize collaborative partnerships across the City.

Who can apply?

- Nonprofit entities
- Nonprofit entities with for-profit development partners are also eligible to apply

Projects Must be Located in **CDBG Eligible Areas**

Funding Tiers:

Tier 1 under \$15K: no required funding match

Tier 2 \$15K - \$100K: 2:1 funding match

Grant Application:

<https://www.ura.org/pages/neighborhood-initiatives-fund>

Grant Applications Due:

June 1, 2020

Information Sessions:

- April 08, 2020 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/837227173>
Phone: 1 (872) 240-3311
Access Code: 837-227-173
- April 15, 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/192506045>
Phone: 1 (786) 535-3211
Access Code: 192-506-045
- April 22, 2020 | 12:00—1:00 p.m.
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What Activities Are Supported?

Priority will be given to projects that identify the tactics associated with the proposed neighborhood initiative or project and how the community will benefit from those strategic non-housing efforts:

- Conceptual design and engineering;
- Land remediation;
- Vacant property activation;
- Historic preservation;
- Commercial district revitalization; and/or
- Public realm improvements.

Up to twenty-five (25) percent of total grant funds can be utilized for operations or administrative costs for those organizations that have faced hardships due to COVID-19.

What Activities Are Not Supported?

- Projects outside of the City of Pittsburgh;
- Residential dwellings or the residential portions of mixed-use buildings;
- Improvements proposed in the City right-of-way that have not been approved and/or coordinated with the City;
- Improvements proposed on properties without site control;
- Marketing and promotional expenses;
- Travel expenses or any lodging/hotel expenses; and/or
- Development fees.

The URA's Economic Development department develops public-private partnerships to advance place-based strategies to build an equitable Pittsburgh. We do this by collaborating with community groups, developers, and city agencies on neighborhood initiatives and projects. From vision-to-action we assist with community planning, project financing, and bringing resources to communities.

The NIF program investment in a project will not exceed \$100,000. Grants need to be expended within 12 months of grant agreement, and allocations are subject to availability of funding.

**For more information,
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