

Critical Corridors Development & Infrastructure

Grant Guidelines

Purpose

The Ramsey County Development & Infrastructure Grant funds inclusive redevelopment and public infrastructure within transit, economic and cultural corridors. The program supports efficient land use and compact built form to enhance connectivity between housing, jobs, retail and services, while creating walkable environments.

Eligible Applicants

Developers (for-profit or non-profit), government agencies and related development authorities.

Eligible Activities

- Extraordinary costs of housing, commercial or mixed-use redevelopment projects
 - o Clearing acquired property and installation of streets, utilities and other site improvements (in conjunction with the redevelopment project)
 - o Public realm improvements or amenities (accessible to the public on private property).
 - o Stormwater management.
 - o Geotechnical soil correction.
 - o Building & related structures removal through demolition, deconstruction or moving (demolition, destruction, removal, and clearance of all structures and other improvements on the project site).
 - o Parking removal in redevelopment (resulting in a net decrease of at least 10% of parking)
- Public site infrastructure improvements (water and sewer, standard sidewalks, standard exterior public lights, etc.).
- Projects not associated with a development project must be comprehensive (not just a single sidewalk or street light, for example).
- Strategic property acquisition. Eligibility limited to agencies preserving sites for future transit-oriented/higher density development.



Ineligible Activities

- Building Construction or Renovation.
- Environmental Remediation (soil/groundwater).
- Streetscaping/Landscaping.
- Tenant relocation costs.
- Tenant improvements.
- Soft Costs (performance bonds, insurance, etc.)
- Contingencies.
- Administration.

Funding

Maximum anticipated award is \$500,000, per project. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2024. Activities completed prior to grant award are not eligible for reimbursement.

Strategic and Selection Priorities

- Project feasibility and readiness.
- Increase in affordable housing units.
- Increase in jobs.
- Increase in property taxes.
- Acts as a catalyst for surrounding redevelopment without displacement of existing residents.
- Intensifies land use emphasizing pedestrian environment and transit service.
- Improves pedestrian safety and access.
- Sustainability impacts.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted via ZoomGrants between August 29, 2022 and Wednesday, September 28, 2022. To access the application, visit ramseycounty.us/CriticalCorridors.

Applications should include (See application for complete requirements):

1. Ramsey County Development & Infrastructure Grant application.
2. Map of proposed project area.
3. Proposed site plan layout or renderings.
4. Financial proforma.
5. Project schedule.
6. Waste management plan (if applicable)
 - Applicants who are requesting funds for building demolition/deconstruction must submit a detailed waste management plan. Please contact Ramsey County Environmental Health prior to application to confirm pre-demolition inspection requirements by contacting Mindy Stepnick at mindy.stepnick@ramseycounty.us or [651-266-1186](tel:651-266-1186).
7. Letters indicating community support.

Funding decisions are anticipated in November 2022. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Martha Faust at martha.faust@ramseycounty.us or [651-358-4341](tel:651-358-4341) to discuss their project before applying.

Local Government Resolution of Support

A city council resolution must be adopted to receive Ramsey County Development & Infrastructure funding. This resolution must be submitted if funds are awarded (anticipated in November 2022), but if it is not possible to obtain by the application deadline, then a letter of support from city planning/economic development staff may be submitted in its place.

Application Evaluation

Ramsey County seeks to address racial equity and ethnic-based disparities where all residents can experience fair outcomes including the highest level of health, wellbeing, and opportunities for advancement and growth. Please review the [Ramsey County Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan](#), the [Equitable Development Framework](#) and the [Ramsey County Strategic Plan](#) for the County's goals and priorities.

When determining funding awards, the County will prioritize proposals that best meet the County's planning goals and priorities while aligning with local community priorities. Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of [Ramsey County Community & Economic Development](#) staff and other reviewers as deemed necessary.

Contracting and Reporting

Ramsey County will contract directly with grantees for the portion of the proposed work covered by the grant award. All grantees are required to submit a final report summarizing the project process, outcomes and impacts of completed work. Receiving funds through this program does not guarantee that future capital funding will be made available.