

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
Application**

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Project Title
CLIFTON BUSINESS DISTRICT ART AND SAFETY PROJECT.

Project Type
Major *Select one*

Project Category
ROW Improvement
Select one of the following

Neighborhood
Clifton *Select one*

Project Address
290 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220

Contact Person

Name	Justin Ogilby
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Applicant Organization
Clifton Town Meeting/ Clifton Business Association

Funding Request
\$146,000

Please list the members of the team that will be involved in this project. The list should include the name of any partners, and/or financial stakeholders. For each member of the project team, be sure to list their role.

Qualified Entity and Project Team

Project Manager

Steve Schuckman

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Role</u>
1	Gerald Checco	CTM/ CBA Coordinator
2	Jan Checco	Art Advisor
3	Leslie Mooney	CCAC Art coordinator
4	Justin Ogilby	Traffic Safety Advisor
5	Mike Roller	Community Liaison

City Departments

Please list the City Departments that are expected to be involved in the project.

- 1 Transportation & Engineering (CDOTE)
- 2 Planning and Engagement Department
- 3 Police Department - District 5
- 4 Fire Department
- 5 Cincinnati Park Board

In addition we expect to coordinate with SORTA (BRT), City Economic Development, and Dept. Environment & Sustainability

I have submitted an NBDIP pre-application.

Yes

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
Project Narrative**

Briefly describe the project and its impact in the NBD.

Vision: Clifton is a vibrant, safe, diverse community of residents, businesses and civic, educational and cultural institutions in a walkable neighborhood enhanced by public art.

Objective: Create a safer pedestrian environment to accommodate high levels of pedestrian traffic and a lively street life while reducing vehicular and vehicular/pedestrian accidents.

Goals: - Enhance pedestrian crosswalks at key. busy intersections

- Redesign key intersections to achieve a safer intersection with safer pedestrian crossings
- Create a safer pedestrian zone at and around schools
- Create a safer pedestrian zone around the new CCAC building
- Develop a safer business district setting along Ludlow Ave.
- Create space for outdoor dining with widened sidewalks and additional greenspace
- Use artistic interventions to slow traffic and mark pedestrian areas

Narrative: Clifton has a thriving business district, stable residential streets and a host of religious and cultural institutions, all adjacent to regional attractions such as UC, the Cincinnati Zoo, and the Uptown Hospitals complex. This brings vehicular traffic to and through the neighborhood which sometimes interacts negatively with the neighborhood's many walkers, resulting in accidents, near-misses and deaths. The relatively narrow sidewalks in the business district create an environment which is not ideal for walkers and shoppers. Additionally the schools in the center of the neighborhood and the soon to open Clifton Cultural Arts Center have brought even more children, families and individuals to Clifton's sidewalks and streets, making it evident that safe street crossings are inadequate.

Approach: Among Clifton's many creative assets are our art galleries, art centers and resident artists, as well as a tradition of producing public art and arts events. A problem-solving initiative is proposed to use public art solutions both on the ground plane and with vertical artistic infrastructure to call attention to sidewalk/street/intersection safety. Widened sidewalks, bump-outs, artistically painted crosswalks, protected pedestrian zones and at key intersections and neighborhood entrances might include banners, new plantings and other concepts which reflect the artistic nature and international spirit of Clifton.

Strategy: Other communities have demonstrated that artistically striking pedestrian zones can cause traffic to slow while creating safer and visually vibrant pedestrian areas which also enhance the local economy.

Working with the City Department of Transportation and Engineering and a citizen group organized by Clifton Town Meeting, the Clifton Business Association and the Clifton Community Fund, a series of potential improvements at several locations should be explored, with the idea of developing some pilot projects that can result in immediate improvements. Ideas developed out of this process would be shared and tested with the community, followed by pursuit of grants to create several pilot installations at key sites, which, if successful, could lead to more permanent improvements.

Is this project aligned with the official Neighborhood Plan? (Y/N)

Yes

Did this project originate from a Community Budget Request (CBR)? (Y/N)

No

Continue to the Scope of Work Section

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
Scope of Work**

Briefly describe the services to be provided with the use of City funds. This should include a detailed explanation of the uses of City funds for any hard and soft costs associated with the project. The description should detail the entire project to be completed with all funding sources (Private funds and City funds) and various parties involved in the project.

The scope of work should be sufficiently detailed about the project being undertaken to further explain how the City's funds are used within the overall project.

Proposal: Retain consultant services to develop a range of concepts for business district pedestrian improvements, such concepts to include illustrations, descriptions of materials and plans, and pertinent examples from other cities. The consultant shall work closely with community representatives in the development of concepts and will present selected concepts at public engagement sessions. This work will result in a final Business District Safety Plan. Additionally, construction plans will be prepared for a raised crosswalk on Ludlow at Ormond and this project will be bid and constructed.

Sites: The locations to be studied include the following:

- Intersection of Ludlow and Clifton. Site extends south to Howell and north to CCAC .
- Ludlow at Telford
- Ludlow at Ormond Crosswalk
- Ludlow at Middleton
- Ludlow at Whitfield
- Ludlow at Morrison
- Ludlow at Brookline
- Ludlow at Ruther

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
NBDIP Business Impact**

Does your project have documentation of job creation or retention component? If so, how many?

No

All created and retained jobs must be verified through documentation signed by business owner

Jobs Created

Jobs Retained

Impacted Businesses: Identify businesses physically, contractually, or financially impacted DIRECTLY from the project

All businesses or organization directly involved in the project either financially or contractually

of Businesses

Commitment Letters Attached

Business Impact: Please provide name of businesses directly impacted

Letter of Support

1	Community Council	Yes
2	Business Association	Yes
3	Clifton Cultural Arts Center	Yes
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Project Impact must documented by business owner and submitted with application

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
NBDIP Sources and Uses**

All Funding Sources			Public / Private	Amount	Uses (Detailed Line Item)		Amount
1	NBDIP Grant	Public	\$	146,000.00	Design Plan for NBD	\$	40,000.00
2	CTM	Private	\$	2,000.00	Ormand Crosswalk		
3	CBA	Private	\$	2,000.00	. Construction	\$	80,000.00
4					. Design	\$	10,000.00
5					. Construction Admin.	\$	10,000.00
6					Signs/ Banners/ Graph	\$	10,000.00
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			Total	\$ 150,000.00			Total \$ 150,000.00

(* Application due in May 2023)

Applicant certifies that all indicated private funding is committed to the project.

What is the neighborhood contribution to this project (including volunteer hours and financial commitments)?

The neighborhood will contribute \$4000 to the project and volunteer hours, estimated at 250 hours for project management, consultant and city department coordination, master planning and community engagement

Does this project complete or continue a previously funded project? Yes/No

A. Phased Project (Project Name)

B. Previously Funded Amount(s)

C. Reason(s) for requesting additional funds?

Please provide any quotes and/or bids

**City of Cincinnati, Department of Community and Economic Development
NBDIP Application Certification**

Application Certification

Yes I/We certify that at the time of application, there is no delinquent payment of any covered financial obligation to the Federal Government, the State of Ohio or the City of Cincinnati- including any of its departments, boards or commissions as specified in Ordinance No. 336-1996. The included financial obligations are loans and grants, permit fees, procurement obligations, rental payments, license fees, and fines/penalties for municipal code violations. Utility payments, traffic or parking fines are excluded. I further verify that I/We have not been declared ineligible to participate in such transactions as defined by Ordinance as of the date of application and ineligible at any time during the ten years proceeding the time of application to receive any City process. I/We also certify that the organization is in good standing with the Better Business Bureau.

Yes I/We certify that all information in and attached as part of this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the City of Cincinnati will rely on the accuracy of this information. I authorize the verification of all financial and other information provided in connection with this application including obtaining credit reports.

Yes I/We acknowledge that NBDIP is a public financing tool provided for projects to improve a neighborhood business district. I/We acknowledge that the City may require certain terms, conditions, and documentation in its agreements, which may include mortgagees, maintenance agreements, revocable street privileges, assessment petitions, covenants, financial clawbacks or other guarantees at its discretion.

Yes I/We acknowledge that the bids and quotes solicited from contractors are not guaranteed approval if project is awarded. I/We acknowledge that the City may require a competitive bidding process, SBE utilization, and procurement methods subject to City standards.

Yes I/We acknowledge that City of Cincinnati reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted, in whole or in part. Further, I/We understand the City and its funding is not liable for any contract(s) or costs incurred in preparation of proposals. I/We also acknowledge the City reserves the right to postpone due dates for its own convenience and to withdraw this solicitation at any time without prior notice.

Yes I/We acknowledge that this application is not complete without ALL APPLICABLE attachments below.

Attachment Checklist

Yes **Attachment I - Commitment Letters** from any organization directly involved with the project either financially or contractually if applicable.

N/A **Attachment II - Job verification** from any businesses that are committing to create or retain jobs as a **direct** result of the project.

Yes **Attachment III - Letter of Support** from all indicated businesses.

Yes **Attachment IV - Financial Commitment** from any entity providing private leverage funding.

N/A **Attachment V - Quotes and Bid** justifying project cost - **Project costs from DOTE**

N/A **Attachment VI - Map and/or Site Plan** if applicable

No **Attachment VII - Purchase Option and/or Letter of Intent** if applicable



Clifton Town Meeting

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April 3, 2023
Sent Electronically

To whom it may concern,

Our neighborhood of Clifton has experienced a lot of progress recently. This progress comes from many projects having just been completed or scheduled to be completed soon, along with coordination amongst many civic-minded community-based organizations.

Projects include:

- The construction of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, opening scheduled for January 2024, leading to increased programming,
- Upgrades in our community plaza, generating more community events,
- Improvements in Public Safety, with the deployment of security cameras in the business district in coordination with Police District 5,
- The full occupancy of the Clifton Area Neighborhood School, welcoming in 2024 all primary school grades,
- Major renovations of two major churches with increased attendance,
- The move of the Manifest Gallery to Clifton from Walnut Hills,
- Robust programming of the Ludlow Garage, attracting regional visitors,
- The opening of new businesses.

Most of these improvements have occurred within walking distance of the Clifton/ Ludlow and the Ludlow/ Ormond intersections. We have also been made aware of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) of the Hamilton Avenue Corridor. This BRT will have a major station in the vicinity of Ormond and a major directional change around Clifton/ Ludlow.

It is in this context that the main civic organizations in Clifton submit together an application for the NBDIP program. The intersections of Clifton/Ludlow and Ludlow/ Ormond have been challenging ones for pedestrians and motorists. An expected increase of both due to the improvements described above will create additional challenges.

We are happy to present a thoughtful and creative project that engages the artistic drive of our neighborhood while improving safety for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gérald Checco, *President*

CLIFTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 20007
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45220

April 20, 2023

to review committee of the NBDIP

It is with great hopes that the Clifton Business District (CBA), enthusiastically supports the 2023 NBDIP application from the community of Clifton. Pedestrians and vehicular safety are an essential part of a vibrant and prosperous business district. The approach taken by this application fully reflects the values of our neighborhood, equity and inclusion, creativity and care.

Looking forward to the completion of the projects.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anagnostou". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Mike Anagnostou
President



Clifton
Cultural
Arts
Center

PO Box 20041
Cincinnati, OH, 45220
513.497.2860

April 3, 2023

Dear CNBDU:

On behalf of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC), I would like to express our enthusiastic support for Clifton's 2023 NBDIP application. Pedestrian and vehicular safety are an essential part of a vibrant and prosperous business district. CCAC's new home will serve more than 40,000 visitors each year, many of whom will come via public transit and vehicles from the nearby neighborhoods of Corryville, CUF, Avondale, Northside, Mt. Auburn and throughout the region. We also expect that many of our patrons will walk from the residential and educational area, including students from Annunciation, Clifton Area Neighborhood School, Fairview-Clifton German Language School and the University of Cincinnati. As CCAC will be located in the neighborhood business district, and we will be just north of the highly trafficked Ludlow/Clifton Avenue intersection, we recognize that our presence will increase the density in this area and look forward to improving pedestrian and vehicular safety of this area with our partners at Clifton Town Meeting, Clifton Business Association, and Clifton Community Fund.

Sincerely,

Leslie R. Mooney
Executive Director
Clifton Cultural Arts Center



April 20, 2023

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To whom it may concern,

This letter will serve as an acknowledgement that Clifton Town Meeting has committed \$2,000 to support the “Clifton Business District Art and Safety Project” as part of the neighborhood NBDIP application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

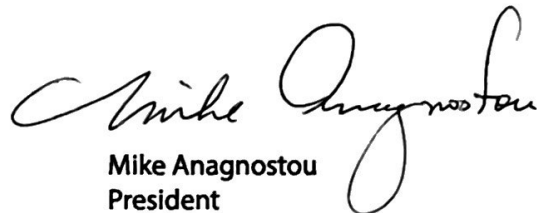

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April 20, 2023

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**This letter acknowledges the contribution of \$2000 for the NBDIP
projec submitted jointly by CTM and CBA**


Mike Anagnostou
President