Corridor Planning Program

2019 call for proposals

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Contact:
Nate Hood
Hennepin County
Community Works
nathaniel.hood@hennepin.us
612-596-9876
2019 Community Works Corridor Planning Guidelines

Hennepin County Community Works is offering financial and technical resources to municipalities and other local agencies for plans and studies that advance Community Works’ program goals (see page 2).

**Deadline:** February 28, 2019  
**Eligible Applicants:** Municipal governments, park districts, watershed districts, public agencies.  
**Award:** Up to $50,000

**Uses of Funds**  
Examples of eligible planning activities include:
- Land use or small area planning.
- Infrastructure planning and conceptual designs, including pedestrian and bike connections and public realm improvements.
- Redevelopment feasibility or market analyses. Site specific projects will be considered.

*Other types of plans and studies may be considered, provided the outcomes meet program goals.

**Ineligible** activities include:
- Local government staff time
- Capital costs and equipment

**Resources**  
Funding is available to support up to five planning projects in 2019, depending on available resources.
- Maximum award amount is $50,000.
- A monetary (not in-kind) match is expected, based on population under the local authority’s jurisdiction:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Population</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>more than 40,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25%</td>
<td>more than 15,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10%</td>
<td>more than 5,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0%</td>
<td>5,000 and less</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Consideration will be given if financial constraints affect ability to meet this match. Please note in application.
Background
The Hennepin County Community Works Program was established more than 20 years ago as a cross-jurisdictional program that addresses areas with declining tax base through coordinated public investments in corridor-scale infrastructure, natural systems, and redevelopment. The Community Works program has five primary goals:

- Enhance the tax base
- Stimulate economic development and job growth
- Strengthen and connect places and people
- Innovate and advance sustainability
- Lead collaborative planning and implementation

Community Works is a leader in supporting partnerships in planning, redevelopment, and infrastructure investment and has funded both large, multi-phase infrastructure investments (such as the Midtown Greenway and Southwest LRT Community Works projects) and smaller one-time planning studies through the Corridor Planning program.

Project Evaluation
Applications will be evaluated on the extent to which the proposed activities:
1) advance one or more of the Community Works’ program goals (see above)
2) generate measurable, positive impacts commensurate with the public investment, and
3) reduce disparities and address equity.

Examples of ways proposals may accomplish these goals are:
- creating and increasing access to high-quality jobs, housing affordable at a range of income levels, and transportation options
- promoting equitable development and economic inclusion,
- engaging local community and cultural organizations,
- demonstrating inclusive community engagement with historically disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, such as immigrant, African-American, Indigenous, LGBT, and differently-abled communities,
- improving community resilience, and
- promoting a more active, healthy community through pedestrian and bike planning.

Application Process
Application packet should include the following items:
- 2019 Community Works Corridor Planning Cover Page
- 2019 Community Works Corridor Planning Application (2 pages maximum)
- Map(s) of project area
- Letters or resolutions of support (recommended)
Return the application materials via email to:

Nate Hood  
Hennepin County Community Works Department  
E-MAIL: Nathaniel.hood@hennepin.us  
PHONE: 612-596-9876

Proposals are due by February 28. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to review projects with Mr. Hood prior to application submittal. Proposals will be competitively reviewed, with notice of award anticipated by April. Projects must begin no later than July 1, 2019 and completed within 15 months.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Hennepin County Community Works staff and additional reviewers as deemed necessary to thoroughly evaluate applications. Funds are anticipated to be available for eligible expenditures incurred after final contracts are executed.

**Contracting and Reporting**

Hennepin County will work with local authorities to contract directly with consultants for the portion of the proposed work covered under the award. Awardee would contract separately for the portion of the work covered by its funds.

Hennepin County requires all awarded projects to include a final report summarizing the process, outcomes, and impacts of the completed work and a memorandum detailing feedback on how to improve the Corridor Planning program and application process.

Hennepin County is obligated to follow the Minnesota Data Practices Act, which means that applications will likely be public data after the evaluation and selection process. A statement identifying data as copyrighted or otherwise protected does not prevent public access to the data contained in the response if such data does not qualify as trade secret data.

Hennepin County is not obligated to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of an application. Hennepin County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received, to accept or reject any late applications, to request additional information as deemed necessary to review any application, to negotiate with all qualified proposers, to use any or all proposer ideas and/or approaches presented, or to cancel this application process, if it is in the best interest of Hennepin County to do so.