

2021-22 UpLift UpTown: Safety & Beautification Grant Program Guidelines, Round 2

A program of The Arts Commission and ProMedica's Ebeid Neighborhood Promise

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UpLift UpTown Grant supports projects, programs, events, and other approaches that address safety, blight reduction, greening, and beautification efforts in Toledo's UpTown neighborhood. Successful applications will address a specific need or area concern that contributes to increased perceptions of safety, reduce opportunities for crime, and contribute to enhancing the look, feel, and experience of the neighborhood. Resident-driven projects are preferred, however, neighborhood partners, stakeholders, and others leading projects are welcome to apply, so long as the project takes place within the neighborhood borders as depicted below and has a clear benefit to the Uptown neighborhood. Projects that include an artistic or creative element are encouraged.

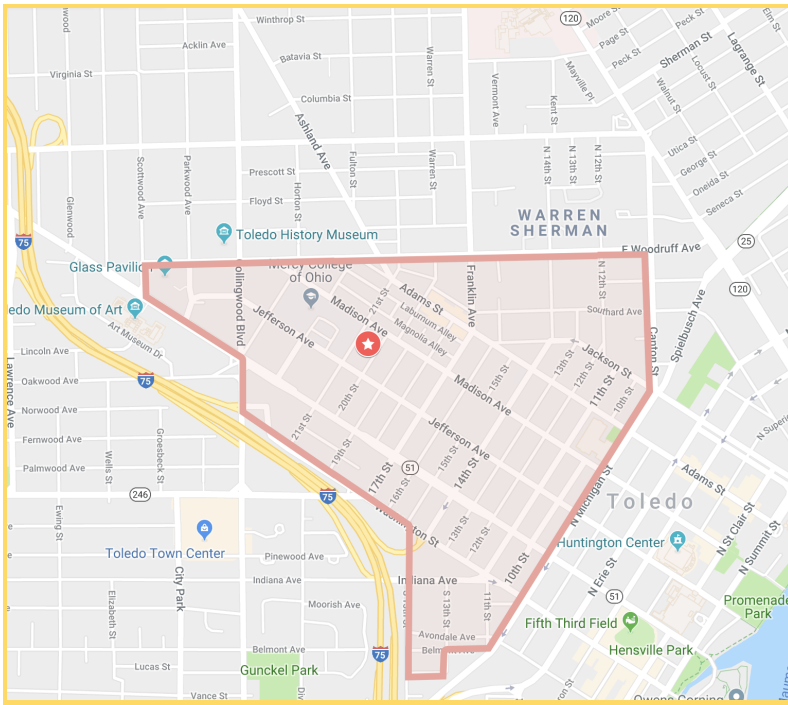
We are currently supporting inclusive and impactful projects that take place in the 43604 zip code. Projects will be granted between \$500-\$1000 depending on need and strength of application.

Please note: Individual Applications will be liable for tax consequences if they receive a check payable to them over \$600 (or receive more than \$600 in total payments from The Arts Commission within a calendar year). Arts Commission staff will connect applicants with the Ebeid Center's Financial Opportunity Center to assist in managing tax liability or other financial management needs.

If you have questions about the grant application or seek assistance connecting with collaborating artists, please contact Lindsay Akens, Creative Placemaking Manager at The Arts Commission, LAKENS@theartscommission.org or by phone 419-254-2787 x1019.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live or work in UpTown
- Projects must benefit the UpTown neighborhood (or the area in the bounds of the map below)
- Those currently employed by The Arts Commission or serving as members of the grant review committee are NOT eligible for Safety & Beautification Grant funds.



Application Timeline

September 10 - call opens
 October 8 - submissions due
 October 9 - 21 - review period
 October 25 - Recipient notification
 November 1 - funds dispersed
 Spring 2022 - reporting due

Personal Information

Applicants will be required to share contact information. Applications will be accepted from individuals or from community groups and organizations located in, or working in the UpTown neighborhood.

Project Information

Applicants should be prepared to describe their project or event, include a start date, as well as list any collaborators (individuals or organizations) that will be involved.

Outcomes & Purpose

The UpLift UpTown: Safety & Beautification Grant will award funds to applicants who best demonstrate their abilities or intentions to address one or all of the following outcomes:

- to promote a more inclusive community by increasing diversity, equity and access to a space or resources
- to increase safety or address safety concerns
- to positively enhance public space (examples include temporary artistic installations, performances, blight reduction projects, or tree plantings)
- host a community gathering in a public space that enhances the sense of safety or belonging

All activities must benefit, improve, or enhance residents and spaces in the UpTown neighborhood.

Visit <https://theartscommission.org/creative-placemaking-projects> to view projects for inspiration and examples of fundable ideas.

Audience

Applications should include information on the intended audience or participants of the project requesting funding. Please include how many people are expected to attend and the age range of those expected to participate.

Budget

Funding will be granted in amounts ranging between \$500 - \$1000*.

Applicants are required to include a total budget for their project that may include items such as

- artist or vendor payments
- space rental
- equipment rental
- supply purchases
- in-kind or volunteer support

Applicants should also list any matching funds they will provide, or that have been allocated by collaborators.

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Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a volunteer committee composed of members of the Ebeid Neighborhood Promise Community Coalition. This Coalition is made up of residents, housing managers, business owners, service providers, and organizations within the UpTown Neighborhood.

Review Criteria (each category will be scored on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score in each category. Highest combined total scores will determine order of grant recipients until total funding is expended)

- Projects are energetic, focused, and address a safety and/or beautification need or concern
- Project is well thought out, stated, and planned
- Projects are rooted in resident input, approved planning documents, or informed by community feedback
- Project is led by or includes residents substantially in all aspects of the project
- Applicant has necessary experience, credentials, and/or partnerships to execute the project in a quality and timely manner
- Project works to connect residents to additional programs, services, and/or opportunities

Additional Considerations

If selected by the review committee to receive funding, the grant recipient will be required to sign a release providing The Arts Commission unrestricted permission to use materials provided in the final reporting process, including but not limited to videos, images, and publicity materials, to promote the Creative Placemaking Program and the Ebeid Neighborhood Promise.

The Arts Commission strives to provide programming and events in an inclusive manner in accessible spaces and venues.

Please note that submission of this form does not guarantee approval of funding for your project.

COVID-19

We encourage socially distant experiences, while also planning for in-person activities that can be accomplished safely based on guidance provided by the CDC and State of Ohio Department of Health. In the conduct of all events and activities that engage the public, The Arts Commission will comply with State of Ohio Department of Health guidance and mandates regarding Covid-19:

- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio>
- <https://lucascountyhealth.com/covidorders/>

Grant disbursement

Awardees will receive the full amount of their approved grant no later than 2 weeks after their signed grant agreement is returned.

This grant is not a reimbursement. Recipients may NOT pre-purchase materials and apply for funds to be reimbursed. Original receipts will be required as proof that materials were purchased after funds were awarded. Grants received through this program are considered taxable to the extent that is applicable by law. Please consult a tax professional for additional advisement.

The Financial Opportunity Center offers free financial coaching in a group and one-on-one setting to people of all zip codes and incomes. All FOC coaches are also trained in the Accenture career success curriculum to assist clients in achieving their employment goals.

Financial Opportunity Center
ProMedica Ebeid Center
567-585-0059
FOC@promedica.org
bit.ly/ProFOC

Final Reporting

If your project is funded, The Arts Commission will require photographic documentation of the project or event, as well as number of benefactors/attendees and a statement about the impact of the project in the community. If you have questions or need help photographing your project, please let us know so we can assist in connecting you with a photographer.

- Funding awards are to be expended and reported on in Spring 2022
- Final reports should be submitted via email to Lindsay Akens at LAkens@theartscommission.org

How to Apply

-Review Grant Guidelines at <https://theartscommission.org/community>

-Apply by clicking [here https://artscommission.grantplatform.com/](https://artscommission.grantplatform.com/)

- select "Safety & Beautification" as your Category

-Submit your completed application by 11:59pm (EST) on October 8, 2021

Additional community resources to build a strong application

Successful applications will be focused on specific projects that address a specific need, concern, or area of focus within the Uptown neighborhood.

Projects that are resident-driven and/or resident-informed are preferred.

Projects that include partners that assist in connecting neighborhood residents to additional resources are also preferred, but not required. Examples may include access to financial tools or wellness, educational opportunities, employment education or opportunities, development of leadership skills, food access, enhanced transportation access (including cycling), crime reduction, and increased sense of safety and social connection.

Expenditures:

Successful applications will be project-driven within the time period of the grant (December 2021 - June, 2022). Funds may be used for contract services, supplies, and other event, program, and project-related expenses. Funds may support ongoing or partially-funded projects.

Funds MAY NOT BE USED to supplement existing staffing or be allocated for any reason outside of the neighborhood boundaries focus area.

The Arts Commission and its partners comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning civil and human rights, including processes and practices free of discrimination based on race, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, or age.