

Winning Team

Find out what makes a project a good match

Not sure if your project is a good fit for this program? Wondering what domain to choose, what we mean by projects that influence local policy, or how residents can lead change? We've pulled examples from successful grant applications to illustrate what is a good fit for this RFP.

Examples of activities in each domain

Built Environment:

- Tactical urbanism (i.e., short term, low cost) projects, such as parklets, car-free days, or pop-up markets/retail
- Bicycle education, safety, sharing, or parking projects

Community Safety:

- Community education to identify and respond to public health or safety concerns
- Coordination between residents and police to respond to health and safety concerns

Environmental Exposures:

- Education of parents or teachers of young children about sources and effects of contaminants
- Community training/mobilization to identify environmental hazards

Healthy Behaviors:

- Cooking or nutrition education classes
- Fitness or mindfulness activities, such as yoga, walking, or sports
- Community or home gardening activities

Social/Economic Factors:

- Technical assistance or jobs training for healthy food retailers, including urban farmers or corner store owners
- Inventory, display, and marketing improvements for fresh produce or healthy food at local corner stores

Examples of policy-focused and resident-led projects

Air Quality Policy

Neighborhood residents were concerned about their air quality, so our grantee hosted a series of workshops to distribute air monitors and train community members to use them. Using the data collected from these air monitoring efforts, residents identified key pollutants and successfully petitioned the city council to ban certain pollution-creating activities.

Parks Policy

Our nonprofit wanted to encourage community members to use existing community assets, like parks and walking trails. Resident surveys showed that the greatest barrier to use was that the areas were not well lit. Using resident feedback, our grantee was able to convince the local parks department to implement a lighting policy to ensure that all public spaces in the two zip codes served had functional lighting.

Food Policy

A tribal government wanted to improve the dietary choices of their members, so they implemented a policy around what foods they would serve at tribal events to ensure that healthy options were always available. In implementing the policy, they also worked with community members and local businesses to create community-wide buy-in and support for the initiative.

Traffic and Streets Policy

In a city with high traffic deaths and unsafe pedestrian and bike facilities, our grantee teamed up with local residents to identify areas in need of improvement and test out low-cost, temporary traffic solutions. Then, they used the outcomes from successful trials to work with the city to make permanent street improvements and increase street safety.

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