



County Planning

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2019 COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Applications Open: Friday, May 3rd, 2019

Applications Close: Friday, June 7th, 2019

Background:

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (County Planning) is soliciting project applications for the 2019 Community Planning Grant program. This program will fund professional planning services by County Planning for various projects proposed by Cuyahoga County communities. These services can include such things as the development of municipal master plans, corridor studies, business district revitalization plans, zoning code analysis, recreation studies, parking studies, trail and bikeway planning, build-out analysis, walkability analysis, etc. The goal of County Planning staff through this program is to strengthen local planning by promoting and encouraging best practices for land use, economic development, and quality of life for Cuyahoga County communities.

The intent of the Community Planning Grant program is to support the mission and objectives of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission: *"to inform and provide services in support of the short and long-term comprehensive planning, quality of life, environment, and economic development of Cuyahoga County and its cities, villages and townships."*

Eligibility:

All 59 Communities in Cuyahoga County are encouraged to participate, including those municipalities that have previously received master planning awards. Local municipalities must be the primary applicant, but they are encouraged to partner with local groups, organizations, or other neighboring communities. Only one application may be submitted per eligible community.

Budget:

\$150,000 in total funding is available for potential project(s) as part of this competitive grant program.

Timeline:

Application materials will be posted May 3rd, 2019 online at www.countyplanning.us/2019grants. Please note this is a competitive grant program and only complete applications submitted on time will be considered.

-To be considered all applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on June 7th, 2019

- Preliminary rankings by County Planning staff will commence shortly after June 7th, 2019
- Applicants with high scoring applications may be notified for possible follow-up interviews
- Grant awards will be announced on Monday, July 8th, 2019



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Submission Instructions:

You may download and use the PDF provided at www.countyplanning.us/2019grants to help complete your application or you may submit a PDF file using your own format. As part of your application please make sure to provide the following information:

- Name of project and location
- Applicant community or communities (if joint application)
- For a joint application between multiple jurisdictions, a Cooperative Agreement must be included
- Name, address, phone, and email of contact person for the duration of the process

Application Questions:

As part of your application please provide responses to the following questions:

1. Describe the project.
2. What is your community's need for professional planning services?
3. What does your community hope to achieve through this planning process?
4. Who and what will this study impact? At both the regional and local scale?
5. How does your community plan to coordinate implementation of any recommendations proposed by this planning process?

Evaluation Criteria:

When responding to questions please note all applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- Community need for planning services
- Projects that demonstrate meaningful local and/or regional impact
- Implementation strategy
- Creativity and innovation in approach
- Efforts towards community engagement and regional collaboration

Submit Proposals to:

Please submit PDF proposals via email or hard-copy no later than 4 p.m. on June 7th, 2019 to:

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission
Attn: Annette Linden
2079 East 9th Street, Suite 5-300
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
alinden@cuyahogacounty.us

All applications including any relevant supporting materials (cooperative agreement, maps, and/or images) shall be no longer than ten (10) pages including application cover page and certification. Any questions shall be directed in email only to info@countyplanning.us, or submitted using an online form provided at www.countyplanning.us/2019grants. Before submitting a question please visit the web page to see if a similar inquiry has already obtained an acceptable response. All questions and answers will be posted on the grant application website at the following link: www.countyplanning.us/2019grants within two (2) business days of receipt.