



Neighbourhoods Alive! Capital Project Funding Policy

Background:

NA! recognizes that capital projects can create an immediate visual impact, and provide an effective means of engaging the community. Limited capital project funding is available through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and Community Initiatives (CI) programs. This policy defines the eligibility of community led capital projects under both the NRF and CI funds.

What kinds of capital projects are eligible for consideration?

Community Facility Enhancements:

- Applicants must have contacted the [Community Places Program \(CPP\)](#) to determine project eligibility prior to applying to NA!
- Applicants should also demonstrate consideration by other funding sources such CPP, Manitoba Community Services Council, Home Town Manitoba, or Manitoba Child Care Capital Program.
- Project involving capital improvements of a municipal asset must have financial support from the municipality.
- Projects that support structural improvements to community buildings.
- NA! will only consider facility enhancement projects that increase the promotion of at least two CED areas, with preference given to projects that support the CED area of Economic Development (as described below).
- The proponent must own the building or have a minimum five year lease.
- Projects must increase/support sustainable programming that will continue to operate in the space for a minimum of two years.
- Eligible projects must have demonstrated successful programming for a minimum of 12 months prior to applying.
- NA! will prioritize projects that enhance programming to the benefit of the broader community.

Greening and Neighbourhood Enhancements:

- Projects that improve public space by enhancing recreational space; and support greening, environmental, and beautification efforts.

- NA! will prioritize projects that support the CED area of Economic Development (as described below). For example, a local employment component of the project with potential for skill development would strengthen the proposal.
- NA! will prioritize projects that demonstrate an effort to access other sources of funding and have secured complementary cash resources.

Additional things to consider:

Provincial Community Economic Development (CED) Priorities

The Department of Housing and Community Development has summarized the commonly accepted nine CED principles into the following areas:

- **Capacity Building:** neighbourhood/community consultation, outreach, awareness and collaboration, knowledge enhancement, skills and leadership, nurturing individual and community pride and sustainability of programs.
- **Sustainability:** green environmental initiatives, renovations to neighbourhood facilities, developing or reclaiming parks and spaces for community use, developing community gardens, local beautification projects and improving local amenities.
- **Economic Development:** development of community economic development plans that provide local business and social enterprise opportunities, enhance local employment or training opportunities, and promote local purchasing.
- **Well-being:** activities that lead to neighbourhood cohesion and well-being by enhancing safety and crime prevention, providing support services, reducing at-risk behaviour through recreation activities and community events, contributing to better health practices, and improving community co-operation.