



Capital Project Funding Policy

Background

NA! recognizes that capital projects can provide an effective means of engaging the community. The primary program for community capital projects in Housing and Community Development is the Community Places Program (CPP). Limited capital project funding is available through the NA! Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and Community Initiatives (CI) programs. This policy defines the eligibility for capital projects under the NRF and CI.

Eligible capital projects

1. **Community Facility Enhancements:** Projects that protect the structural integrity of a community building or expands/improves programming space, amenities, or accessibility (i.e. physical upgrades/expansion, indoor recreation equipment)
2. **Greening and Neighbourhood Enhancements:** Projects that improve public space by enhancing/expanding outdoor recreation space and support greening, beautification (ie. naturalized play areas, playgrounds, street scaping, community gardens, graffiti removal, signage)

Funding guidelines

1. **Community Facility Enhancements:**
 - Applicants should demonstrate consideration by other funding sources such as CPP, Manitoba Community Services Council, Home Town Manitoba, or Manitoba Child Care Capital Program.

- Projects involving capital improvements of a municipal asset must have financial support from the municipality.
- NA! will only consider facility enhancement projects that contribute to the increased promotion of at least two of the categories for eligible initiatives (as described below), with preference given to projects that support Economic Development.
- 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 community development programming to the benefit of the broader community.

2. Greening and Neighbourhood Enhancements:

- NA! will only consider greening and neighbourhood enhancement projects that contribute to the increased promotion of at least two of the categories for eligible initiatives (as described below), with preference given to projects that support Economic Development .
- NA! will prioritize projects that demonstrate an effort to access other sources of funding and have secured complementary cash resources.

Categories of eligible initiatives

- **Capacity Building:** neighbourhood/community consultation, outreach, awareness and collaboration, knowledge enhancement, skills and leadership, nurturing individual and community pride and sustainability of programs.
- **Stability:** 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.

- **Community 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.

Additional requirements

Prior to applying to Neighbourhoods Alive! for either type of capital project, all applicants must first:

- Contact the [Community Places Program](#) (CPP) to determine project eligibility; and
- Contact the local [Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation](#) (NRC) to determine community support (CI projects are exempt from this requirement).

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