MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PUBLIC SPACES COMMUNITY PLACES

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Qualifications for the Public Spaces Community Places (PSCP) Grant Program

- The project must create a new public space or activate an underused/vacant public space. Projects that add universal design elements to existing public spaces are also eligible.
- To be eligible, the applicant organization must be a nonprofit, municipality, or L3C. 501(c)(3)s can apply if they can provide a Charitable Solicitation License or letter of exemption. No fiduciaries or fiscal sponsors allowed.
- The project must have city/local approvals for the proposed project when/if necessary.
- Funds from a PSCP-supported campaign must allow for the project to be fully completed and opened for public use.
- Funded PSCP projects must complete construction and open to the public within 1 year of receiving the MEDC matching grant funds.

Additional MEDC Parameters

- You must hit your goal within the set campaign timeline to receive the match. Funds raised above your set goal will not be matched.
- The maximum contribution from any single entity or organization is $10,000 or 35% of the campaign goal (whichever is lesser).
- The MEDC must be the first to put out a press release discussing the project's participation in PSCP. Allow 5 days for press release coordination after approval. You cannot launch without the MEDC's press release being finalized.
- Offline donations are eligible towards the match when added to the project page. **Project leads must produce scanned copies of checks or bank deposit slips for verification.**
- Reporting measures necessary are detailed in the reporting guide you will receive if you are approved. This includes:
    - Providing the total square footage that the funding from this program touches.
    - Providing the total cost of the project (including prior inputs).
    - Providing high-quality, hi-res Before-and-After photos of the space after completion, showing the space being used by the public.
    - Following the campaign end and up until the space is completed, grant recipients must provide monthly updates on the campaign page regarding how the space is being developed until the space is open for public use.

Timeline (In Business Days)

- Allow 3 days for MEDC/MML review and approval/denial.
- Allow 5 days for press release after approval (cannot launch without press release).
- Allow 45 days to process the match after completion and submission of Offline Donation verification documents.
- Allow 14 days' notice for grand opening events to coordinate MEDC attendance.