City of Grand Rapids Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Proposal

The City of Grand Rapids Economic Development Department plans to submit a Regional Subgrant Program application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The City's application will include a to-be-determined number of individual project applications that together will comprise the most competitive application for funding for Grand Rapids projects. If you have a project that you would like to be considered for inclusion in the City's application, you must submit the initial proposal form online.

Only proposals for Real Estate Revitalization projects will be included in the City's Regional Subgrant application. If you have a proposal for a Placemaking project, please contact Tim Mroz, Vice President of Community Development at The Right Place at mrozt@rightplace.org.

Initial proposals will be accepted until Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Proposals submitted after that deadline will not be considered.

Additional information about the program is available at www.michiganbusiness.org/rap/, including reference documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Jono Klooster, Assistant Economic Development Director, at jklooster@grcity.us.

Click "NEXT" to begin your proposal. You may save and come back to complete at any time.

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Email *

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Section 2 - Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Proposal

Application Information

1) Application Name *

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This document is for review purposes only. Proposals must be submitted through the online form.

2) Project Address *

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Section 3 - Contact Information	Provide contact info for the person who will answer questions about this preliminary application

1) Contact person's name *

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2) Phone Number *

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3) Email Address *

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Section 4 - Threshold Criteria (1 of 2)	Answer only one of the following three groups of questions (i.e. 1a and 1b, or 2a and 2b, or 3a and 3b). These questions determine how the proposed project is responsive to the negative public health and/or economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is required in order to qualify for the RAP Program. Please pay close attention to the references to specific pages of the Final Rule and the Final Rule Overview. Responding to these questions will require you to evaluate how your proposed project is eligible to receive the funds which are derived from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

1a) Does the project support the tourism, travel and/or hospitality industry? (Note that stadiums, convention centers and other large capital expenditures for general economic development are not eligible.)

Mark only one oval.

○ Yes

○ No

1b) If you answered yes to the previous question, explain how the project will support the tourism, travel and/or hospitality industry. You must review the "Final Rule Overview" pages 24, 25 regarding the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. We believe that none of the enumerated uses of funds in this category are relevant (Page 25 of the Final Rule Overview), so you must use the "Framework for Uses Beyond Those Enumerated" on Page 32 of the Final Rule Overview, and refer to the Section on Capital Expenditures on Page 30 to justify the project's capital expenditure.

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2a) Does the project benefit households or communities that are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic in compliance with federal requirements? (See Page 17 of the Final Rule Overview.)

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ No

2b) If you answered yes to the previous question, describe the households and communities that will benefit (see Page 19 of the Final Rule Overview) and how you made that determination. Then describe why and how your project is an enumerated use (see Page 20 of the Final Rule Overview) or use the "Framework for Uses Beyond Those Enumerated" (see Page 32 of the Final Rule Overview) to justify the project investment. You may also review Pages 129-137 of the Final Rule for additional information.

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3a) Does the project benefit a community or industry that was harmed by the pandemic (see Page 24 of the Final Rule Overview to determine if a particular INDUSTRY is impacted, and see Page 17 to determine if a particular COMMUNITY is impacted.)

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◯ Yes

◯ No

3b) If you answered yes to the previous question, describe how you determined that the particular industry or community your project benefits was impacted by the pandemic. Then describe how your project is an enumerated use (See page 18 and 25 of the Final Rule Overview).

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Section 5 - Threshold Criteria (2 of 2)	For question 1 below, please review the RAP guidelines. For question 2, please use the Qualified Census Tract Map link provided to you in an email. For questions 3-4 below, please review Pages 30 and 31 of the Final Rule Overview for guidance.

1) Review the RAP guidelines and tell us how the project supports the goals of the RAP program. *

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2) Is the project located in a Qualified Census Tract? *

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ No

3) Please provide a description of the pandemic-related harm or need to be addressed and why the harm was exacerbated or caused by the public health emergency. Recipients may provide quantitative information on the extent and the type of harm, such as the number of individuals or entities affected. (This answer not required if your grant request is less than $1 million; however, responding may improve the overall application. You may chose to respond "Not applicable".) *

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4) If your grant request is $1 million or more, provide an explanation of why a capital expenditure is appropriate. For example, recipients should include an explanation of why existing equipment and facilities, or policy changes or additional funding to pertinent programs or services, would be inadequate to address the economic harm caused by COVID 19. If you are requesting less than $1 million, write "Not applicable". *

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5) I understand that if selected to move forward in the Grand Rapids Regional Subgrant application, I may be required to compare my project to two other projects and describe why this proposal is superior, particularly as it relates to addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. *

Mark only one oval.

◯ I understand.

Section 6 - Background Information

1) Describe the current status of the subject property. Please include the following: total acreage of property, number of buildings, square footage, number of floors, historic designation (state, local, national), condition of property (vacant, dilapidated, etc.), and describe any necessary demolition. *

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2) Describe the proposed project. Please include the number of buildings. For the residential, include the following: number of floors, proposed use(s), and for non-residential, elaborate on whether or not there are any tenants lined up and what types of businesses or non-profits are anticipated as occupants. *

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3) Does your project incorporate Universal Design Elements? If so, please describe. *

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4) Check all of the documents that you have currently available for the project, and tell us on a scale of 1 to 5 whether they are preliminary (1) or final (5) *

Check all that apply.

	Not Available	1 - Preliminary	2	3	4	5 - Final
Financial Proforma	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Design Documents	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Construction Cost Estimates	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Site Plan	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Floor Plan(s)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Project Renderings/Elevations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

5) What is the total estimated cost of your project (not including property acquisition)?

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6) What is the amount of grant you are requesting from the RAP Program?

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Section 7 - Project Readiness and Programmatic Consideration

1) Describe status of site control *

Check all that apply.

☐ I (the applicant) own the property

☐ I do not have site control

☐ I have a current purchase agreement (enter expiration date below)

Other: ☐ _____

2) Status of local approvals. Check all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

	None required/expected	Not yet applied for	Applied for	Approved
Land Use/Zoning Approvals	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tax Abatement	☐	☐	☐	☐
Local Tax Increment Financing	☐	☐	☐	☐
Building Permits	☐	☐	☐	☐

3) Provide any details or context for your responses to the previous question. *

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4) Describe any other form of federal tax credit equity or grants secured for this project and dollar amounts secured through each program. If none, enter NA. *

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5) Project financing. *

Check all that apply.

	Not yet available	Tentative Commitment	Letter of Interest	Fully Approved/on-hand
Equity	☐	☐	☐	☐
Debt	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Sources	☐	☐	☐	☐

6) Provide any additional context or detail for your responses to the previous question. *

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7) Describe current status of your engagement with a general contractor (GC) or Construction Manager (CM). Do you have a GC or CM selected? Do you have cost estimates and if so, how current are those estimates? *

8) Describe the current project timeline, including completion of pre-development, project commencement and project completion. Be as specific as possible. *

9) Describe your development team's previous experience. This can relate to anyone on the team (i.e. developer, engineer/architect, project manager, etc.). Include examples of experience on relevant projects (based on size and scope) and identify which team member has the experience. Provide up to three examples for maximum consideration. *

Section 8 - Document Uploads

Upload the following: (a) floor plans, (b) renderings, (c) sources & uses, and (d) construction cost estimates. You may have to compress or reduce file size, and you only need to upload a representative sample and not full plan sets. (Max file size 10MB)

Files submitted: