

Things to Think About In Developing a Local Impact Aid Project Idea

What specific issue or challenge are you trying to address? Why does the community need this project? Do you have data, photos, or other evidence of a problem?

How specifically do you propose to address this challenge? Describe the activities to be undertaken. Where would the project be located? Will this project involve community members and volunteers? Who? How many?

How will the community be better off after this project? How will you measure success or know if you have achieved the goals? Are there statistical benchmarks or outcomes that can be set?

How does this project fit within an established master plan, neighborhood plan, or other stated City or community policy objective? Can you demonstrate widespread community support?

How much will this cost? How much of that would be from VLT impact aid? Do you have commitments from other funding partners? Is this a one-time cost, a multi-year project, or an ongoing program?

How would this project be implemented and managed?

- If by a City agency, which one and have you approached them about this? Have you discussed the scope and the budget? Are they in agreement to take it on?
- If by a community association or nonprofit entity, do they meet the requirements for spending public dollars (hold nonprofit status; have sufficient insurance coverage; meet requirements for local hiring, MBE/WBE, and bid process?) Have they agreed to undertake the project?