

Near Eastside Great Places RFP

January 2016—June 2016

Submissions due January 31, 2016

About The Opportunity:

The Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art (iMOCA) and Englewood Community Development Corporation (ECDC), and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) are partnering to support creative placemaking projects within the Near Eastside Great Places 2020 area—the ¼ mile radius around E. Washington & Oxford. We define ‘creative placemaking’ as *people coming together to make positive physical, economic, and social impacts in their neighborhood through art, culture, and creativity*. We are soliciting proposals from a broad range of creative practices that contribute to the cultural identity of the Near Eastside Great Place.

Successful projects will connect people together with the distinct place, history, stories, or culture of the Near Eastside Great Place. We encourage a broad range of creative practices. These projects could range from place-based art installations, craft-based projects, music, performances, culinary achievements, special events, etc.

- Projects should have a ‘public’ benefit (located in a public place, or open to public) and directly benefit the Great Places area;
- Projects can be located in several discrete locations.
- Projects that will leave a lasting impact will be given highest consideration.
- If you do not have an identified artist or maker to execute a project idea, iMOCA can help identify an appropriate artist.
- Proposals should also consider how the project addresses:
 - Community cultural development
 - Physical transformation
 - Economic benefits

Eligibility:

Open to individuals or organizations who live, work, or play on the Near Eastside, defined as the geographic area with Emerson Ave to the east; CSX railroad to the south; I-65 to the west; and I-70 to the north. Applicants should provide explanation of their Near Eastside connection. Preference is given to those within the Great Places area, defined as the ¼ mile radius around East Washington Street and North Oxford Street. This RFP encompasses a broad range of creative practices.

About Great Places 2020:

Great Places 2020 is a collective impact effort to transform strategic Indianapolis neighborhoods into walkable town centers of culture, commerce, and community in conjunction with Indianapolis’s bicentennial in 2020. Three neighborhoods have been identified as these target areas, including the ¼ mile neighborhood centered around East Washington and

Oxford Streets on the Near Eastside; 38th and Illinois Streets; and West Michigan and King Streets. Investments in livability, opportunity, vitality, and education build on existing neighborhood momentum with a vision for vibrant, mixed-use neighborhoods welcoming residents and visitors alike.

How to Submit Proposals:

Online at: <http://englewoodcdc.com/great-places/>

Or in person at:

Englewood Community Development Corporation

Attn: Brent Aldrich

57 N Rural Street Indianapolis, IN, 46201

Monday—Friday, between 8am and 4pm

What to Submit:

- 1-2 page project narrative explaining project idea in detail.
- No more than 10 supporting images, video, audio or other work samples
- Image/sample list*
- Detailed budget up to \$5000
- Timeline for project completion
- Applicant info (name, contact, relationship to Near Eastside/Great Place)

*Label all images, vide, audio or other samples with title and submit a corresponding image list. The image list should include the title, date, dimensions, media and/or other relevant info.

Review and Selection:

A committee of arts and Great Places 2020 representatives will review all submissions. Selected proposals will be notified by February 8, and announced at a kickoff event on February 17.

Dates To Remember:

Submissions due January 31, 2016

Contacted by February 8, 2016

Public kickoff celebration February 17, 2016

Projects completed June 2016

For Questions or Additional Information:

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