

Blocks Together Peoples Budget Project Application

The Blocks Together Economic Justice **Peoples Budget Committee** would like to thank you for participating in the Peoples Budget TIF Initiative. Blocks Together is a community based organization, organizing in West Humboldt Park to ensure reinvestment of public dollars in our neighborhood, quality and fully resourced community schools, and to reduce the mass incarceration of our youth by changing punitive discipline policies that result in students being push out of school.

The 2 million dollars that will be used to fund the proposed community projects was generated by tax revenue within the Chicago/Central Park TIF approximately bounded by Lake to the south, Grand to North, Kedzie to east and Pulaski to west.

Eligibility to submit a proposal:

- Be at least 14 years old
- Live within the Chicago/Central Park TIF district
- Projects fall under 1 of the 4 categories:
Affordable Housing, Job Training, Public Works and Small Business
- Project Budget **cannot** exceed \$500,000

Guidelines for Projects:

Affordable Housing: Serve residents/families living within the Chicago/Central Park TIF making less than \$25,000 a year. Residents with nonviolent criminal records cannot be excluded from services. Demonstrate what the community benefit project will bring to residents. Be incorporated as business, or nonprofit, or have a fiscal sponsor.

Job Training: Serve residents living within the Chicago/Central Park TIF, provide hard skills training that will lead to employment, be incorporated as a business, or nonprofit or have a fiscal sponsor.

Public Works: Project must be used for capital needs of a public building such as: schools, clinics, libraries, beautification projects for the neighborhood, construction

cost of project that promotes recreational activities and healthy living for residents. Must be incorporated as a business, or nonprofit or have a fiscal sponsor.

Small Business: Projects that will provide overall support for established, or emerging community owned businesses, supporting startups or expanding businesses.

Contact Information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Project Description

1. Please include project name, goals and outcomes.
2. What is the community benefit your projects will provide?
3. Are you incorporated as a business or nonprofit, or do you have a fiscal sponsor?
Please provide contact information.
4. How is this project organized? Who is responsible for overseeing the implementation? Who will manage the project?

Budget

Please attach a project budget (budget **cannot** exceed \$500,000)

Proposal is due September 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Application must be typed and can be submitted by mail or email. All supplemental material must be included with the application. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

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If you have any question please call Caro 773-276-2194 ext. 2002