

Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals

Directions: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee adopted criteria for project inclusion. For each resubmitted and new bond project proposal, please answer how the project meets the criteria below. If certain criteria do not apply to the project, please answer not applicable. The total response for each project should be no longer than two pages in Arial size 11 font. Please do not submit exhibits or attachments. The completed form should be e-mailed to Deseret.Romero@pima.gov on or before July 15, 2013.

Project Name: PR 44 Oury Park Cultural Festival Area

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

The Barrio Anita Neighborhood Association worked with the City of Tucson Ward 1 office and the Pima County District 5 office to develop master planning for the neighborhood. The festival area concept is the result of ten years of neighborhood driven master planning to revitalize the Barrio Anita neighborhood and Oury Park. Planning partners include the Primavera Foundation and the Drachman Institute. A recent Saturday afternoon planning workshop was well attended by neighbors as were all of the latest master planning meetings.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

Barrio Anita neighborhood's history reflects the origins of Tucson and its land use and societal changes over time. The purpose of the festival area is to support regional cultural festivals and commemorative events. The festival area compliments the existing park as well as planned future nearby amenities such as regional alternate modes transportation corridors, an expanded arterial roadway upgrade at St. Mary's Road to connect to I-10, neighborhood infill projects, public art and improvements to the historic Oury Center. Barrio Anita is a downtown neighborhood making the festival area a facility that can be used for a variety of downtown events.

3. Partnerships:

Partners in planning revitalization efforts in Oury Park and the Barrio Anita Neighborhood include the Primavera Foundation and the Drachman Institute. The City of Tucson Transportation Department is delivering a Regional Transportation Authority funded road improvement adjacent to the neighborhood that creates the transportation infrastructure for ingress and egress to the festival area. The Tucson Pima Historic Commission funded an oral history project that informs the cultural interpretation that is planned for the festival area. The City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office has funded a historic up grade to the existing Oury Center using Community Development Block Grant funds. Recent City funded improvements at David G. Herrera/Ramon Quiroz Park, the location of Oury Center, include two new sports lighting and irrigation systems on the existing softball fields, a remodeled kitchen and bathrooms at Oury Center, a new walking trail around the park, a new playground and a covered, double basketball court with active water harvesting.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

CDBG for the adjacent Oury Center historic review and improvements. Regional Transportation Authority funds for the adjacent road improvements at St. Mary's and I-10. CDBG for two new sports lighting systems. Neighborhood Reinvestment for a new covered basketball court.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Not applicable.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

The festival area is expected to incorporate water harvesting, drought tolerant plant materials, an automated, centralized irrigation system using reclaimed water, shade structures and landscaping to reduce the heat island effect and solar area lighting.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The festival area is the next phase of a publicly supported master plan.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The proposed bond project is a capital improvement.