



FEET FIRST PHILLY

Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grant Program

Applications are open NOW

Applications are due on October 3, 2026, at 11:59PM



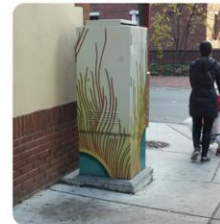
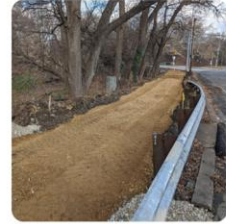
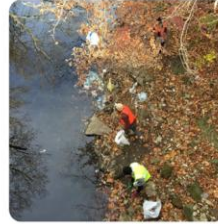
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- Founded in 1967
- Clean Air Council is a member-supported environmental organization serving the Mid-Atlantic Region
- The Council is dedicated to protecting and defending everyone's right to a healthy environment.





Feet First Philly is a pedestrian advocacy group sponsored by the Clean Air Council.

Our aims are to:

- Raise awareness of issues facing pedestrians in the City of Philadelphia
- Improve the pedestrian environment
- Protect the rights of pedestrians
- Encourage walking as a mode of transportation, as well as for exercise and recreation.

Our Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grant Opportunity

- We partnered with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to provide funding to community groups, businesses, and individuals to make improvements and enhancements to a public space of their choice.
- This is the seventh year of this program, and we are extremely excited for the new projects we will receive - since the recipients of the previous six years did such a wonderful job with the grants they were awarded.



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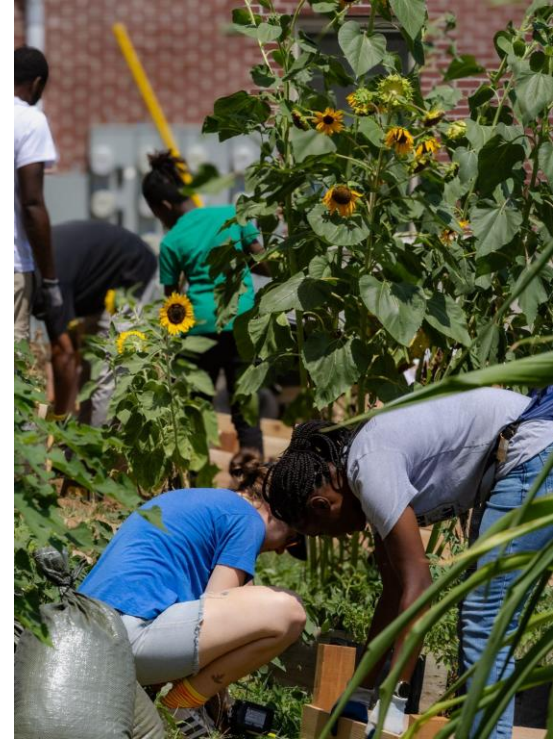
All people have the right to live to their fullest potential in environments that allow them to grow and thrive.

We aim to cultivate safe, just, and livable communities and make healthy living easier wherever Philadelphians live, work, learn, shop, worship, and play.

We focus on food and water justice, physical activity, tobacco control, health partnerships, and violence reduction.

We understand that:

- The built environment can hinder or help residents choose active modes of transportation like walking and rolling.
- Neighborhoods outside of Center City have had less investment (or active disinvestment) in the built environment.
- Financial support and technical assistance can build community capacity to assess and advocate for built environment improvements.





Request for Proposals

- Feet First Philly is offering mini-grant funding to create and improve public spaces
- Funding can be used to support public space projects
- Examples: parklets, art installations, sidewalk repair, stewardship efforts, accessible green spaces, and more



Size or Scope of Grants

- Feet First Philly Mini-Grants are between \$500 - \$2,500
- Project size can vary from a parking space to community wide
- Types of projects are open ended
- Use of funds



Examples of Previous Projects



"Bulbs Not Bullets"
Planter boxes by
Mantua Civic



Little Library Towers
built by the Korean
Community
Development Services
Center



Ploggin' The Streets
clean up by Philly
Track Jawn

Cecil Street
community garden
improvements by
Empowered CDC





Who Can Apply?

- Organizations, businesses, and individuals are welcome to apply.
 - Business Improvement Districts
 - 501(c)3
 - Friends of Parks
 - Community organization sponsored by a non-profit
 - Individuals should show community support/involvement in project





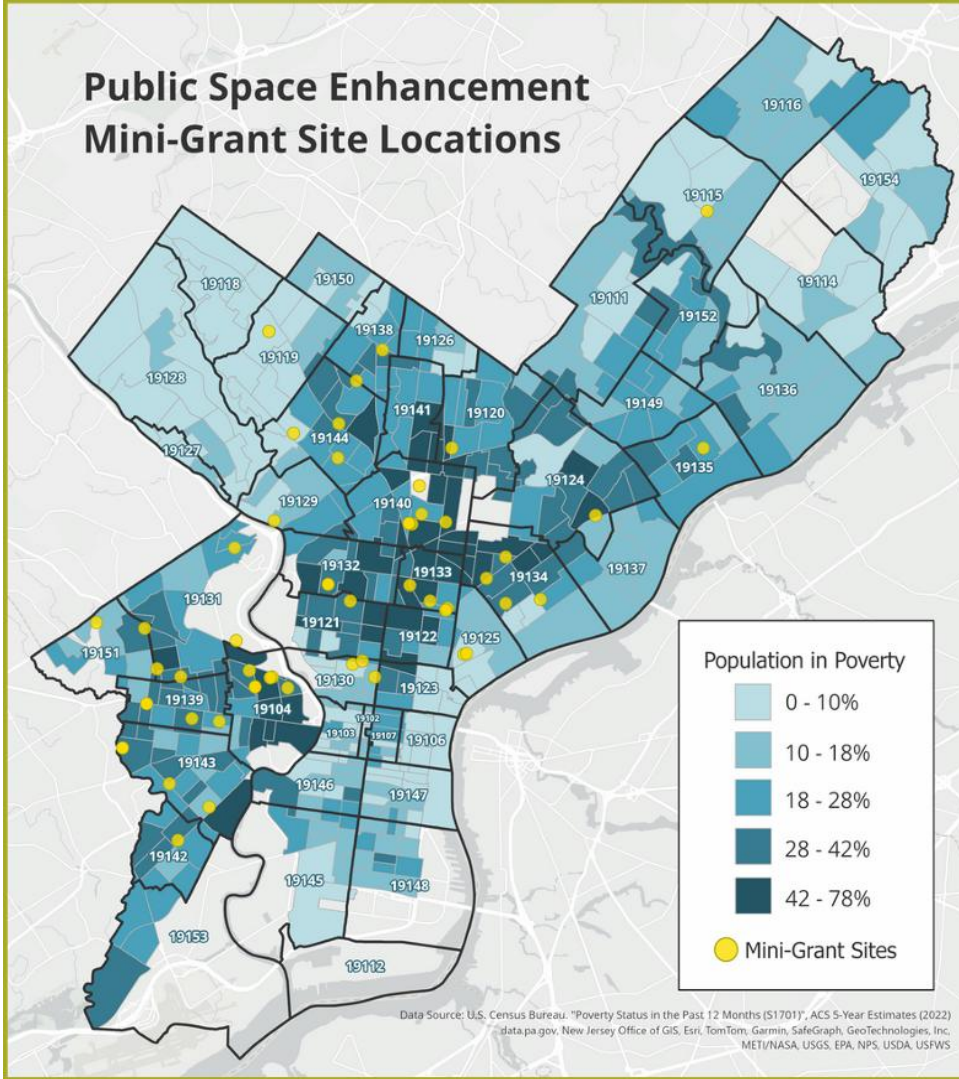
Located, Led, and Serve Criteria

Priority will be given to projects or organizations located in, led by, and serving historically underserved communities, including but not limited to immigrant populations, low-income communities, communities of color, and people with disabilities.

If your proposal demonstrates that the project has all three, it will receive the maximum points.



Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grant Site Locations



Also use [DVRPC's IPD \(Indicators of Potential Disadvantage\) scores](#) or tell your own story about your community



Public Benefit Criteria

- The strongest proposals will clearly demonstrate projects that are:
 - Centered around a public benefit
 - Engaging to the community
 - Feasible
 - Potential for long-term improvements to the pedestrian environment
 - Potential for a long-term positive impact (e.g. acting as a pilot, demonstration, or proof of concept, but with potential for long-term implementation)



Community Engagement Criteria

The project should have meaningful community involvement, collaboration, or ownership. Applications should demonstrate community engagement and support in the proposal from residents, businesses, and organizations.





Accessibility Criteria

The location must be accessible to a wide range of users.

The project should be structured to serve the widest possible range of users and show steps to maximize accessibility.





Feasibility Criteria



Projects must be feasible. For example, projects must be able to be completed in the grant period (January - June 2027), within the proposed budgets, have required permits or know how to get them, and have site control.



Safety Criteria

- Proposals should include safety components for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users
- Examples of safety projects can include:
 - Mural crosswalks
 - Lighting improvements
 - Sidewalk repair
 - Clean-ups
 - Bike racks and planters to prevent illegal parking
 - Projects that otherwise help to address public safety by improving the built environment
- Safety can also address other public safety issues such as gun violence





Other Guidelines

1. Applications must be submitted by completing **this [Microsoft form](#) by October 3, 2026, 11:59 PM to be considered for the grant.** Mini-grant recipients will be notified by *the end of the year*. Questions can be sent via email to shecht@cleanair.org
2. Applicants must indicate how funds will be applied to improve a public space *within the Philadelphia region*
3. Applicants must provide contact information for key personnel who will be overseeing the public space improvement project



Feet First Philly Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grant 2026-2027 Season

* Required

Application

1. Name of Institution/Applicant *

Enter your answer

2. Address of Applicant *

Enter your answer



Key Dates to Remember

Application Launched: **August 3, 2026**

Information Session: **August 25, 2026 (TODAY)**

One-on-one session: **Until September 25, 2026**

Applications due: **October 3, 2026, at 11:59 pm**

Awardees notified: **December 2026**

Initial Report due: **June 15, 2027**

Final Report due: **August 31, 2027**



RFP Budget

Provide a brief budget narrative on the projected expenses.

For help with how to put together a budget, visit:

<https://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/resources/guides/how-to/budget-proposal#what>

Description	Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$



RFP Overview and Wrap-Up



- Applications are due on **October 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM**
- Applicants can meet with us from now until September 25, 2026, to discuss ideas and your application



If Awarded...



- MOU and W9
- Interim report
 - June 15, 2027
- Final report
 - August 31, 2027

*Black Men's
Conference*

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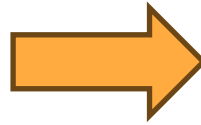
Past Recipient Testimony and Projects

Improving Accessible Walkways & Playgrounds at Northern Children's Services

- Northern is a 170+ year-old child, youth, and family-serving organization in NW Philadelphia
- Our campus is home to residential programs, behavioral health services, a public food pantry, and outpatient walk-in services
- The PSEMG improved a heavily used ADA-accessible walkway, as well as the ground surfaces and edges of our playground. These spaces serve clients, residents, families, staff, and public visitors



Improving Accessible Walkways & Playgrounds at Northern Children's Services



Before Repair: Tree-root uplift created a 2-inch elevation difference, resulting in a trip hazard and accessibility barrier

After Repair: Walkway restored to a level, accessible surface following slab replacement, root mitigation, and regrading

Friends of FDR Park: Bike and Pedestrian Safety Pilot

Before: 100+ orange cones were manually placed and removed each Saturday and Sunday to protect bike lanes

After: permanent flex-post bike lane pilot along high-risk sections of bike path near Southeast Asian Market

Benefits:

1. Successful pilot! PPR is supporting the expansion of bike flex posts and traffic calming measures
2. Safer access to markets and the park on weekends
3. Mobilizing support for similar improvements in FDR Park – ADA accessibility, signage improvements, etc.



Additional Resources



[We Walk PHL – Fall season starts 9/1](#)

[Food Fit Philly](#)

[Public Space Improvement Resource Guide](#)

[Safe Routes Partnership - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Grant](#)



Q&A

Do you have any questions for us?



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**Thank You for Attending this
Information Session!**



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