



# Equity Impact Statement

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution. File number: **250889**

*This resolution would enable the City of Milwaukee to accept a grant for up to \$50,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for a Vibrant Spaces Grant. The grant would assist Quasimondo Inc. with the buildout of a gathering space at 5161 N. 35th Street.*

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

*The grant is expected to provide gap financing to the North Milwaukee Artpark project, which will transform a blighted, vacant lot, into a vibrant outdoor hub for community focused events and eco-arts activities on Milwaukee's northwest side and within Villard Avenue BID #19.*

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

*Residents of Milwaukee County Census Tract 24, in which the project is located, are about 87% Black or African American. It is expected that the additional economic development provided by this grant will have a positive impact in the surrounding neighborhood.*



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4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

*The proposal is supported by the Villard Avenue Business Improvement District (BID), which is a grassroots community organization whose mission it is to foster a thriving and vibrant commercial ecosystem in the Villard Avenue area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

*Quasimondo Inc. is expected to provide quantitative and qualitative measurements on metrics including the amount of investment made into the improvement of the gathering space.*

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

*DCD is open to feedback from the Villard Avenue BID, elected officials, and area residents with regards to operation of the development.*

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