



# **NIDC Healthy Neighborhoods 2023 Project Year Overview**

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A Year of Engagement, Partnership, and Collaboration



# COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

- ▶ NIDC CIP grants support projects that **engage community members** and **physically improves** Milwaukee neighborhoods.
  - ▶ City-wide program opportunities
  - ▶ Dollar-for-dollar matching grants up to \$4,000
  - ▶ Reimbursable grants
  - ▶ *New this year: The first \$1,000 is a no-match grant.*



# Overview of Community Improvement Projects

- ▶ City budget allocates funding to NIDC for implementation of citywide CIPs
- ▶ 16 projects were approved in 2023 for over \$66,614
- ▶ Leveraged dollar amount more than \$73,818

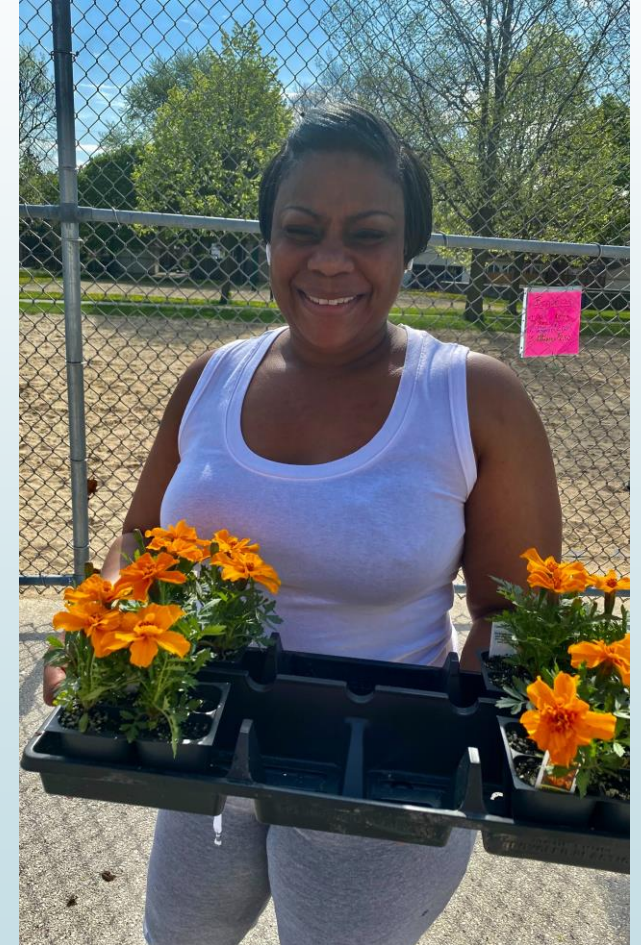


# Pandemic Pivots

- ▶ Virtual Orientations/One-on-One Meetings
- ▶ Deadline Extensions
- ▶ 2023 Bloom & Groom (Modified)
- ▶ Fall Frolic Events (cold weather engagement)

# EXAMPLE CIP PROJECTS

- Gateway & Neighborhood Signage
- Rainwater Catchment Systems
- Soundscape Systems
- Community Gardens
- Safety Lighting
- Playground Enhancements
- Educational Murals & Public Art
- Landscaping & Green Infrastructure





# Community Gardens, Public Spaces





# Community Gardens & Public Spaces





# Community Engagement

Pumpkin Carving Contests



Meaning Interaction





# 2023 Bloom & Groom Event:

\$1,500 match grants to host flower/vegetable sales that fosters neighborhood engagement and camaraderie

\*18 participating community partners, 75 volunteers, \$15,000 matched





# Fall Frolic Partnerships:

\$1,000 reimbursable match grants for Fall-themed community events

\*10 Participating community partners, \$10,000 matched





# 2023 Goals Met

- ▶ Collaborated with partners to promote CIP projects in TIN areas, with plans to expand to new TINs in 2025.
- ▶ Strengthened collaboration with partners to actively promote program applications citywide.
- ▶ Provided the art community with information on CIP resources available for community and resident-driven projects.





# Goals for the Upcoming Year

- ▶ Expand outreach efforts to engage more residents and community organizations in CIP projects, aiming for a 15% increase in participation across diverse neighborhoods. This objective focuses on inclusivity and demonstrates the program's commitment to fostering community-led improvements.
- ▶ Create a maintenance plan for public spaces in collaboration with ECO, MKE Parks, and DPW.



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