



City of Auburn, Maine

Community Development

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Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2022 @ 10am
Zoom

1. Neighborhood Challenge Grant Award
 - a. Community groups can request up to \$10k in infrastructure improvements within a specific neighborhood.
 - i. New Auburn Benches (up to \$10,000) – Proposal Attached
2. Community Engagement
 - a. CDO is looking for ways to better solicit input from the community in regard to setting priorities for the development of the Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plans.
3. Committee Composition/ Role
 - a. CDO is looking for targeted recruitment to fill remaining vacancies and composition as required by the Citizen Participation Plan.

Economic and Community Development
Neighborhood Challenge Grant
Preliminary Application Form

Estimated amount of funds requested:

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

1. Neighborhood Group: Age-Friendly Community Committee
2. Project Title: Benches and Trash Receptacle
3. Group Contact: Larry Pelletier
(This person will be the designated contact for all project matters)
4. Mailing Address: 129 Second Street, Auburn, Maine 04210
5. Phone: (207) 319-3018 E-mail address: concernedcitizen129@gmail.com
6. Location of project: Art wall on Main Street and the Auburn Esplanade Walkway

PROPOSED GRANT PROJECT

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project: We are proposing placing 3 park benches and one trash receptacle at the art wall on Main Street and 3 park benches along the Esplanade walkway.
2. How will the project specifically address the needs, issues and concerns of the neighborhood? *The specific purpose of this project is to enable and encourage citizens of Auburn, young and old who walk along Main Street and on the Esplanade walkway to be able to sit and rest, when needed. At this time, there are no benches on which to sit and look at the artwork on Main Street. We feel that having the benches will enable people to take more walks, with the opportunity to sit and rest for a little while. With no resting opportunities, people are discouraged from walking and enjoying the weather, sights and sounds in nature. It is healthy to walk and get fresh air. Our desire is to inspire, engage and inspire the senior community to walk safely on well-used, well-lit and safe walking paths. Walking in hot weather is difficult, so we would like to have the benches available to sit on and rejuvenate those who tire easily or quickly. The benches will also allow those who use them to spend more time in the fresh air. Resting is important and enables people to feel calmer and more peaceful. This will significantly impact one's well-being and mental health. These benches will also provide opportunities for social connection, meeting others and striking up conversations and friendships. It is a way to connect with others. When space is shared, everyone benefits. People can pack a lunch and embrace some much needed simplicity. Access to a place to sit gets a person more active. Studies show that people will do more local walking if there is a place to go and sit. For those with limited mobility, a resting place will enable them to walk around and have a place to rest. These benches will also provide an opportunity to combat loneliness and isolation. Citizens may walk or jog more often, knowing that they have a place to rest. They will be able to set achievable targets. Park benches are extremely versatile. They can even be used for a quick lunch break workout. The trash receptacle would be placed at a convenient location for the disposal of lunch/snack refuse at the Main Street location. We would like the Public Works Department to do the installation of the benches and trash receptacle (no picture available). We are requesting \$10,000.00 for this project to include any installation costs incurred by the Public Works Department.*

3. Attach the following specific information to the back of the application:

Photographs of the project area with street name(s)

Project Drawings (if available)

4. How will neighborhood residents be involved in the project. Broad neighborhood participation is highly encouraged.

We have local citizens in the New Auburn area who will police the area, once installed. Otherwise, residents will not be involved directly while the project is underway. It would be too dangerous to have people at the project site.

The Age-Friendly group would like to be involved in staking out the desired locations for the benches and trash receptacle, if possible.

List two (2) people who will serve as the project team: Larry Pelletier and Jan Biron

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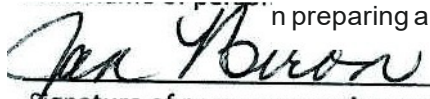
Name:	Jan Biron	
Address:	94 Western Avenue	Auburn, Maine 04210
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/LEAD CONTACT PERSON

...and the neighborhood group is in full support of this application. We understand that this is a preliminary application and additional information may be required. Staff of the Economic and Community Development Department will be available to assist with the development of the project, budget and construction of the project. Applicant(s) is expected to participate in the full development with the assistance of City Staff and will encourage neighborhood participation within-kind donations of time, labor, and materials when appropriate.

Jan Biron

Signature of person preparing application



Signature of person preparing application

June 13, 2021

Date

Larry Pelletier

Print name of Lead Contact Person



Signature of Lead Contact Person

June 13, 2021

Date

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a preliminary application only. Once submitted City of Auburn staff will assist you in furthering developing the project and may require more information based on the scope of the project.

Applicants are encouraged to secure matching funds in the form of donated labor, materials or cash.

Minimum project funding: \$ 1,000

Maximum project funding: \$10,000

Eligible projects: Must be city-owned property to include but not limited to parks and greenspaces, sidewalks and roadways, walking paths.

Application Checklist

Please complete the attached checklist to help insure that the application is finished.

Group/Organization Information

Information complete?

Yes
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Proposed Grant Project

Project information/details complete?

Photographs attached?

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Neighborhood Participation

Participation Information complete?

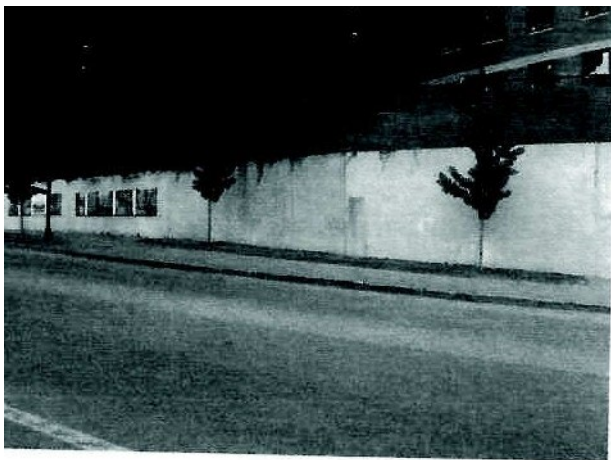
Project team identified?

Appropriate organization signatures?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>N/A</u>
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For more information please contact:

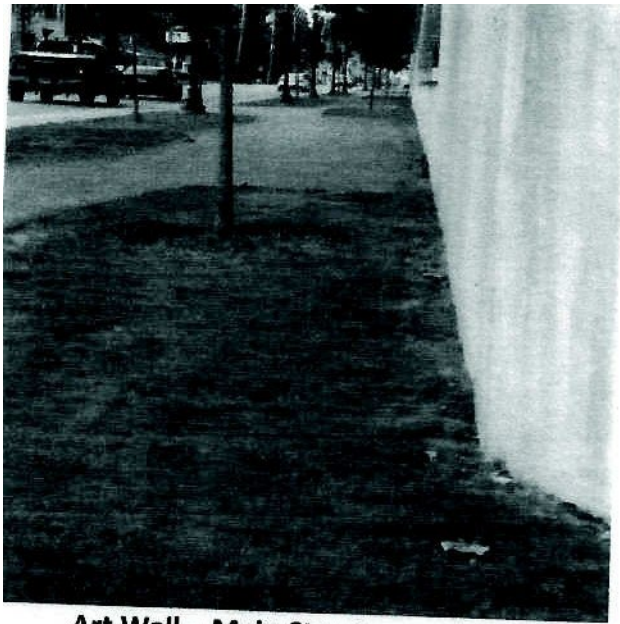
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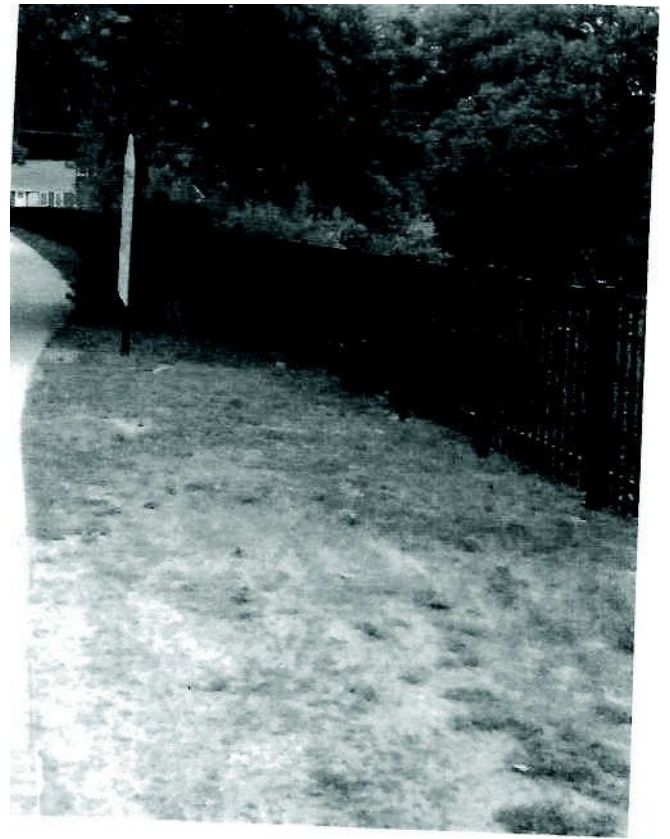
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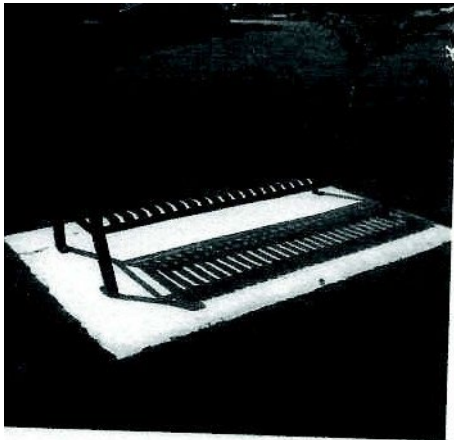
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Esplanade near Falls



Proposed Bench \$898.00 each
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