



City of Auburn, Maine
Business & Community Development
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NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE GRANT

A. PROGRAM GOAL

The Neighborhood Challenge Program makes funds available to neighborhoods to improve public property located within the CDBG target areas (Downtown area, New Auburn & Union St census tracts). Each application must consist of a single project with a clearly defined goal, one that has a direct benefit to the neighborhood and its residents. This is a CDBG funded program and is subject to all of the relevant HUD regulations.

B. APPLICATION PROCESS

An organization obtains an application packet from the City of Auburn website at www.auburnmaine.gov, completes and emails or delivers the completed application to CDBG@auburnmaine.gov. Applications may also be mailed to Community Development, City of Auburn, Community Development Office, 60 Court Street, Auburn, ME 04210;

- a. Applicants are encouraged to contact the city for assistance in preparing this application;
- b. Applications are reviewed for compliance with HUD national objectives by City Staff.
- c. Complete & federally compliant applications will be presented to the Department Director for approval.
- d. If approved, the project will be completed as a Public Infrastructure project managed by CDO staff or another city department.
- e. The Community Development Office staff will oversee projects to ensure compliance with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances:
- f. The City will issue vendor payments as the project progresses or at completion after inspections have been completed.

C. EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

a. Eligible projects include (but are not limited to):

- Improvements to government owned property and/or rights of way (such as park equipment, street lighting, sidewalk repair/construction, roadway enhancements and neighborhood entrance improvements and/or identification signs).
- Total replacement and/or rehabilitation of some existing physical improvements might be deemed eligible (this would be based on the individual circumstances and available funding and will be judged on a case- by- case basis). Applicants are encouraged to reach out to appropriate city departments for assistance.

a. Ineligible projects include (but are not limited to):

- Routine maintenance or repair of existing physical improvements in a neighborhood (including, but not limited to: streets, fences, irrigation systems, storm water retention facilities, and entrance signs).
- Funding for ongoing programs or administrative expenses.
- Funding of printed brochures, guides, marketing and promotional materials.