

Neighborhood Improvement Program FINAL APPLICATION



Submission Deadline: January 12, 2023: Include revised budget, map, and supplemental information

REFER TO THE NIP OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THIS FORM

- Use additional pages and attach additional information as necessary (a reference map must be included)
- Final applications will be **publicly available** on the city website for NGLA review (not including contact sheet)

A: Grant Summary and Previous NIP Applications

PROJECT TITLE: Preserving Longmont's Oldest Neighborhood

COMMUNITY GROUP: Historic Eastside Neighborhood Date: 1-23-2023

Grant #: 2023-N05 Grant Request: \$ 9,000 Project Category: Community Assessment and

Project Location: Multiple locations in the community

*Project category and Grant # are listed on the proposal response letter.

Previous NIP Applications and Awards

	2020	2021	2022
Application (Y/N)	N	Υ	N
Grant Received	\$	\$6,000	\$



B: Project Description:

Briefly describe the purpose or goal of the project

To conserve and preserve Longmont's oldest neighborhood, the Historic Eastside. It will also educate Longmont Community through intensive historical surveys to be completed by a well known historic researcher.

Provide a brief overview of your project, including revisions from the proposal.

This grant will allow the addition of more homes to City's Architectural inventory. It will also help lay the groundwork for developing a Conservation Overlay Zone for the neighborhood. This zone would add needed protections that were lost when the City changed the neighborhood's 30 year old zoningl



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C: Project Proposal Summary:

	Will this project impact public property/right-of-way (yes) or is it on private property (no)?	Yes] N	No ,	7
	Is electricity needed?	Yes] N	No ,	abla
	Is this an irrigation project?	Yes] N	No ,	7
	Are permits needed for this project?	Yes	1	No ,	$\overline{/}$
	Are any other City resources needed?	Yes] N	No ,	✓
Ex	colanation (if necessary):		_	_	_

D: Response to Staff Comments: Check here if proposal was accepted without staff requirements
Brigfly summarize staff comments and how you have responded to each concern

- **Summarize staff comments, concerns, and requirements from the proposal response letter (**not verbatim):
- Provide a budget that clearly outlines the use of the grant and community contribution through volunteer hours
- Expand answers to the evaluation criteria
- Provide a map of survey target location(s)
- If approved, coordinate efforts with the City Planning Department to ensure the survey will meet City expectations to support the historic district and future potential uses, as been done in the past

■ How have/will you address these concerns?

- The budget was updated with support from a historic survey quote provided by the company that completed historic survey data for the City and neighborhood in the past
- Evaluation criteria answers were expanded significantly
- A map is attached, properties colored yellow are over 75 years old and have not been included in previous historic surveys, they will be a target of the study
- We will coordinate all efforts with appropriate planning staff



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

NGLA will primarily evaluate your application based on these five criteria

■ The highest possible score is **26** (+2 for volunteer neighborhoods). Projects with the highest average total score will be recommended for funding. Projects must receive a <u>minimum average score</u> of "2" in sections "E," "F," "G," and "H" and at least "5" in section "I" in order to qualify for funding.

E: Neighborhood Need: 15% = 0 to 4 points

Detail the neighborhood identified need, how it was identified, and why will the project improve the neighborhood?

- **Evaluation:** How compelling is this need, from not compelling (0) to extremely compelling (4)?
- Questions to consider for evaluation: Have residents identified a need for the project? Will it improve the neighborhood? Once this project is completed, what will it accomplish? How many people will this project impact? Will it enhance other aspects of the neighborhood by improving the quality of life? Is grant funding necessary to implement this project?

Historic Eastside Neighborhood (HENA) is Longmont's largest intact historical neighborhood. This grant is a two-prong approach to continued to conserve and preserve the historical significance. First, to continue work that began with the City of Longmont 2001 that began with surveying homes. These grants were funded and supported by the Planning Department. In 2016 was the last time HENA received a NIP grant to continue surveying homes within the neighborhood. Determining the historic assets in a neighborhood or area of a city is the first step towards actively preserving that area. It is with this goal that the Longmont Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) continues to approach the Colorado Historical Society for grants to continue the surveying of historic neighborhoods.

The second part of this grant will be used to inform the neighborhood, owners about applying for a conservation overlay zone through the City Planning department for the neighborhood and their support. A conservation overlay zone will set up guidelines for home addition or remodels so homes will blend with the historical attributes of the surrounding neighborhood. An overlay zone has less restrictive guidelines than Historic Preservation designation.

The neighborhood made this grant a priority when the City changed their RLE zoning to R-SF. With the new zoning there are no historical architectural guidelines. This project will impact approximately 720 neighbors, while enhancing the sense of place for those residents. Without funding we cannot implement this project.

F: Neighborhood Participation: 15% = 0 to 4 points

Describe how community members participated in identifying the need and creating the solution. How many people were involved and what role did they play?

- **Evaluation:** How involved were community members, from not involved (0) to extremely involved (4)?
- Questions to consider for evaluation: How was the project chosen, who participated? Is it managed by an HOA board or residents? Do residents support the project? If so, how is that support documented? Did residents participate throughout various phases of the project?

The neighborhood participation was very involved. Once the zoning changed within the neighborhood many new neighbors reached out due to concern. There have been multiple team leader meetings, large neighborhood meeting, information in the neighborhood newsletter, and attendance at multiple City Council meetings, Historic preservation meetings, and a few meetings with the City of Longmont Planning department. All City Council and Historic Preservation meetings are documented on the City's YouTube meeting archive.

The U.S. mailing will confirm more accurately how many homeowners want to support an overlay district and is a first step required in zoning process.

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G: Sustainable Solution: 15% = 0 to 4 points

Describe how the solution will resolve the problem or need in a way that it will not arise again. How have future threats to the solution been considered?

- **Evaluation:** How sustainable is the solution, from poor (0) to very good and sustainable (4)?
- Questions to consider for evaluation: Is this a long term improvement that will last into the foreseeable future? Are additional costs, such as maintenance, going to be a long-term problem?

This grant is very good and sustainable. It is a long term historical improvement and will add to the City of Longmont's ongoing Architectural Survey inventory. These surveys are available online for all current and future citizens. It may also assist if the City wants to apply for larger State Grants.

H: Neighborhood Contribution: 15% = 0 to 4 (+2) points

Describe the match your neighborhood will contribute to the project. Why is it relevant to the project? Eligible contributions include: Volunteer Labor, Donated professional services, Donated materials and supplies, or Financial contributions

Extra credit: Independent neighborhoods, that do not have an HOA, receive one extra point for achieving a contribution of 10% or greater and a second point if they achieve a match of 25% or greater (added to scores by CNR).

- **Evaluation:** How strong is the match compared to the total grant, from none (0) to very good (4)?
- Questions to consider for evaluation: Has a clear contribution from the neighborhood been identified? Is this a reasonable percentage of the total budget based on the type of project and neighborhood resources? Can the neighborhood meet this commitment?

There is strong match to the total grant. Volunteer hours will be donated by various neighborhood residents. This will include the co-chairs, the leadership group, the neighborhood block leaders for newsletter distribution, and other gracious neighborhood volunteers.

In total, the community will contribute over 150 hours to the project, including grant planning and preparation, time to create, mail, and distribute educational materials regarding the proposed conservation overlay district to protect the historic character of the neighborhood from new development proposals, and community support to assist with the historic survey, such as selecting and photographing priority properties.

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I: Public Benefit: 40% = 0 to 10 points

Projects must illustrate a public benefit. Clearly demonstrate the benefit to both the neighborhood and broader Longmont community?

- **Evaluation:** Will this project benefit the community, from none/very poor (0) to excellent (10)?
- Questions to consider for evaluation: The project must benefit the entire neighborhood. Will this project enhance sense of community, quality of life, neighborhood identity, safety of residents, or neighborhood sustainability? Should public funds be spent on this project? Will the project benefit reasonably extend to all neighborhood residents? Will the greater Longmont community also benefit?

This project is an excellent use of Public funds. The neighborhood benefit will enhance a sense of pride and offer options for preservation. It will provide new information on our diverse history and heritage. Neighbors will be better informed about individual homes and have access to surveys for personal interest or aid in attaining a Longmont Landmark Designation of their home. By adding to Longmont's Historical Intensive Architectural Survey collection, it may provide opportunity for State or National registers as well as provide grant opportunities.

The community will benefit by conveying the past to future generations. It tells Longmont's story, illustrated by its humble beginnings. Historic neighborhoods and properties can help to stimulate the local economy, create jobs, and enhance tourism. Being the closest neighborhood to the Downtown District, HENA neighborhood allows for a quick walk into the past. Presently our neighborhood has a walking tour, available online for interested residents or tourist. Finally, it is an asset to the environment. Reusing historic buildings is sustainable by recycling the built environment and reducing what we place in our landfills. This helps conserve our resources and sets an example for other neighborhoods.

J: Attach a map, site plan, and other supplemental materials

- It is not necessary to include the original proposal.
- Do include water audits, pictures, design graphics, additional maps, letters of support, and other support materials <u>as necessary</u> to strengthen the case for your project at the end of the application

Presently we have identified 40 homes that are 75 years or older that still need to be surveyed. The grant will allow us to continue to accomplish that goal for the City of Longmont.



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K:	Revised	App	olicati	on B	udget	
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Comn	nunity Group: Historic Eastside	Date:	1/23/2023
•	How was the budget developed? Residents or neighborhood commit Price quotes from multiple contractors A price quote from one contra	tee research	v staff feedback

Materials (whole numbers, simplify grant lines)	NIP Request	Contribution (Neighborhood)	
Conservation Overlay Mailings	\$600	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	
Labor and Services (include the cost of all required permits	s and fees)		
Professional Historic Survey extending previous surveys to houses not previously included	\$ 8,400	\$	
hours @ \$/hour			
Conservation Overlay Organizing and Support	\$	\$ 500	
25 <u>∎</u> hours @ \$ 20 /hour			
Historic Survey Support and Coordination by Community Members (photography, etc)	\$	\$2,000	
100 h ours @ \$ 20 /hour			
1	\$	\$	
hours @ \$ /hour Community volunteer labor/planning:			
Grant planning and meetings	n/a	\$ 500	
25 hours @ \$ 20 /hour	_		
Totals	NIP Request	Contribution (Neighborhood)	
Total	\$9,000	\$3,000	
TOTAL PROJECT COST (NIP Request + Contribution)	\$ 12,000		
PERCENT OF TOTAL	75 %	25 %	
City Contribution	Staff hours	Materials	
City Contribution As approved, Don't include in project totals	$\sim m_{JJ}$		

Refer to NIP Guidelines for directions; Project approval/city staff requirements are calculated by staff

Historic Eastside Property Map

January 2023

<u>Yellow lots</u> are properties that are at least 75 years old and have not had an intensive historical survey completed to date.

