

North & South Omaha Recovery Grant Program

Community Informational Session | August 29th, 2023

Agenda

- I. Introductions
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 - i. Overview of legislation
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Introductions

Background

Background: Legislation

What is the North and South Omaha Recovery Grant Program, or **NSORG**?

- An initial grant program for North and South Omaha was part of a bill passed in 2022 (**LB 1024**, Economic Recovery Act).
 - After that bill became law, groups submitted proposals for funding to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature.
 - The Special Committee contracted with **Olsson**, a Nebraska-based engineering and design firm, to issue a coordination plan for use of the funds.
- This year, the Legislature amended the Economic Recovery Act (**LB 531**) to fund the North and South Omaha grants with State dollars—rather than federal aid.
- To be eligible for the soon-to-launch grant program, **the proposal must be named in the coordination plan (including appendices)** issued by Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature in January 2023.
- Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Economic Redevelopment Areas (ERAs)

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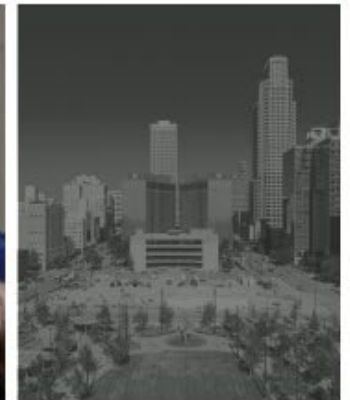
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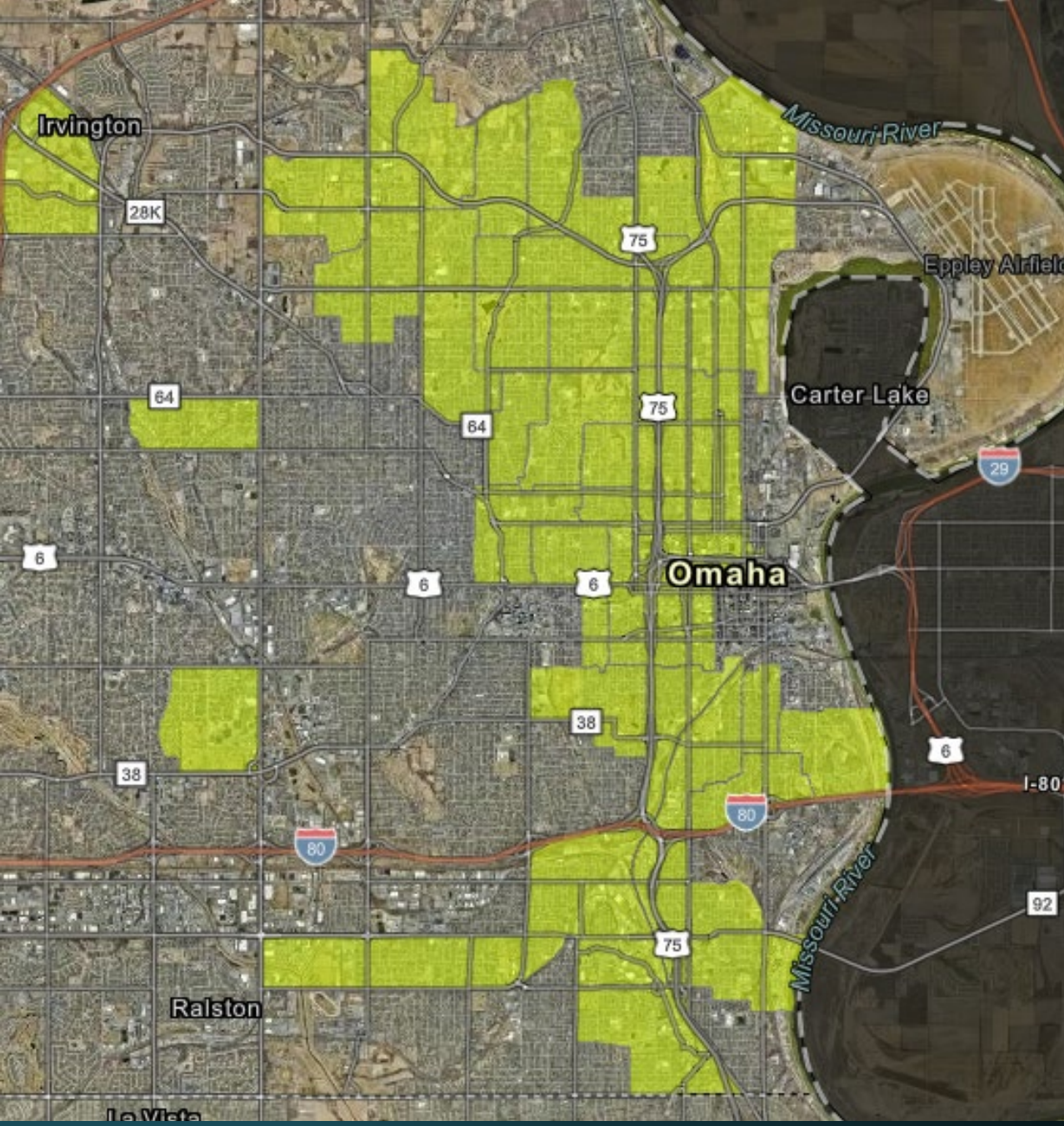
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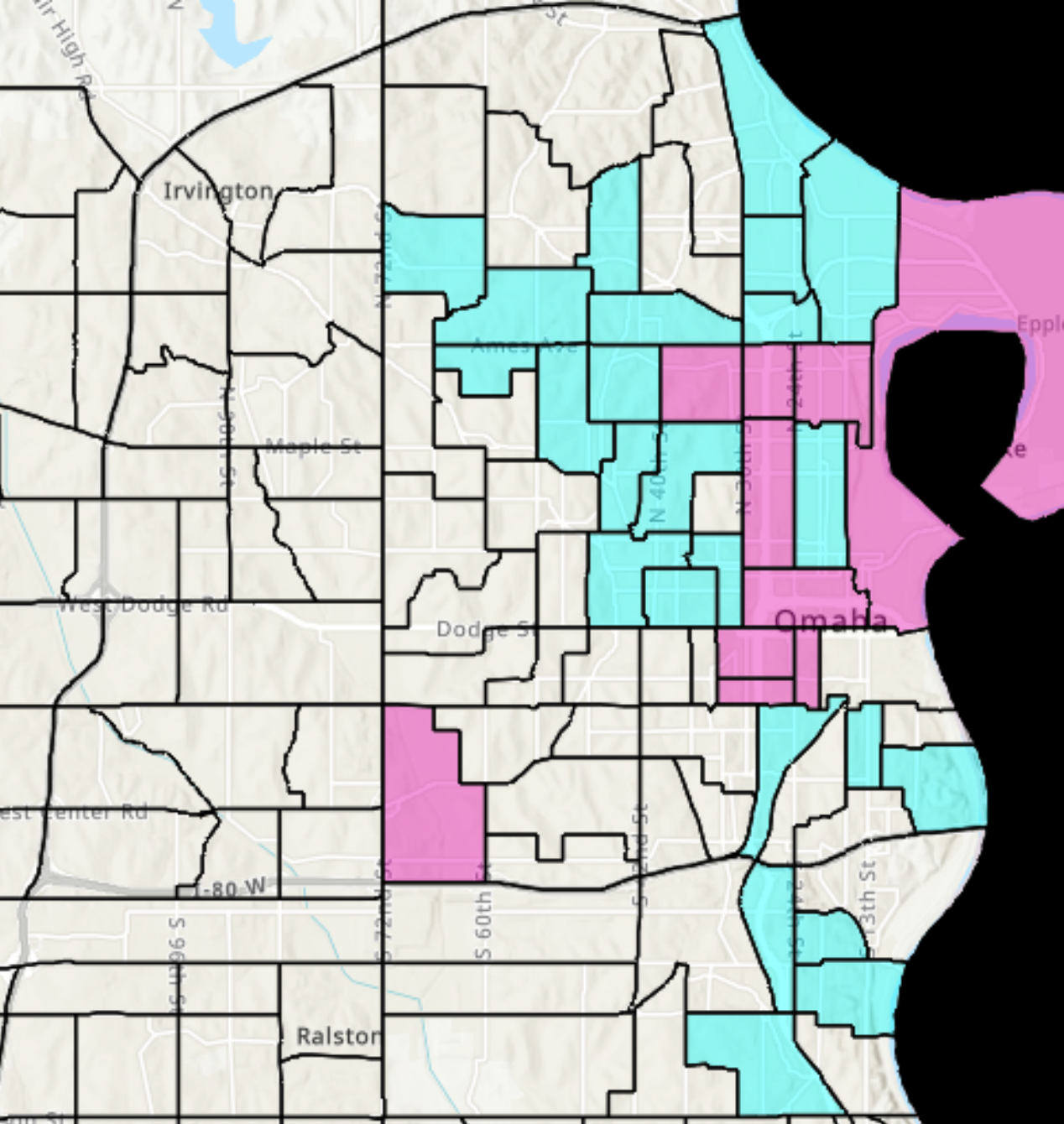
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APPENDIX G:

**ALL PROPOSAL
APPLICATION
SUMMARIES**



QCTs



ERAs

Background: DED Grant Program

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Purpose of NSORG Grant Program:

To provide grants to public and private entities to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and build resilient and innovative communities

- **DED has identified 8 NSORG funding categories**
 - Placemaking Infrastructure
 - Small Business Support
 - Youth & Talent
 - RAPID
 - Sports & Tourism
 - Recovery Housing
 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
 - Arts, Culture, & Social Concerns

Placemaking Infrastructure

Disclaimer: The programs outlined here have not yet reached final approval and are subject to change. Please reference the Program Manual on DED's website for the latest information.

- Placemaking is about creating and revitalizing **public spaces**, for people to live and work, through impactful projects that highlight community assets.
- Projects that promote improved health outcomes and public safety such as **parks, recreation facilities, and programs that increase access to healthy foods** are examples of Placemaking.
 - Project must be located within a QCT or ERA
 - Must address at least one of the following:
 - Promotes improved health outcomes and safety
 - Increases access to healthy food
 - Relates to beautification
 - Address food deserts
 - Multipronged development
 - Requested \$30 million or more in coordination plan

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Small Business Support

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- Small businesses and entrepreneurs play a vital role in Nebraska.
- The needs presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout have imposed substantial repercussions upon small business entities within the North and South Omaha communities.
 - Must address the following:
 - Applicants must meet the **definition of a small business** defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA);
 - Business must function as **profit-generating entities** operating in Nebraska; and
 - DED will formally invite **all eligible businesses** to apply.

Youth, Talent, and Workforce Development

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- Prioritized projects will be programs that target **high wage, high growth, and high demand (H3)**.
- Projects aimed at youth, talent, and attraction, and workforce development may include the following non-exhaustive list of eligible uses:
 - Scholarship programs
 - Job training
 - Assistance to individuals who want and are available to work
 - Public job programs and fairs
- **Prioritized:**
 - Partnerships with an Institute of Higher Education (IHE), public school district, or corporation with at least 200 employees.

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RAPID

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- Recovery Assistance Program for Immediate Distribution (“RAPID”)
- Purpose is to fund **nonprofit** smaller projects that will have a large impact.
- Applicants must explain how they will quickly utilize grant funds to make an impact within a short period of time from award date.
- RAPID grants will not be competitively scored, rather, a nonprofit organization whose project was recommended for funding of **less than or equal to \$2 million** in the coordination plan may apply for a RAPID grant.

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Sports & Tourism

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- Public and private entities may apply for grants that support the sports and/or tourism industry.
- Applicants applying for any project that is considered a sports park, recreation area, or athletic facility must either:
 - Be a city of the metropolitan class; or
 - Obtain a letter of support (LOS) from the Mayor's office of a city of the metropolitan class.

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Recovery Housing

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- The purpose of this grant is to identify gaps in the local housing ecosystem and unmet needs in publicly funded grant programs to leverage truly **innovative** solutions.
- This funding category represents an opportunity to think outside of the box and pilot new, sustainable solutions to local housing shortages and deteriorating housing stock.
- Applicants must demonstrate that the **project could *not* be served by existing federal housing programs.**
- Must meet each of the following criteria
 - Project must be located in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and/or Economic Redevelopment Areas (ERAs).

Entrepreneurship & Innovation

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- The adverse impacts of the COVID-19 public healthy crisis and subsequent economic downturn have posed numerous challenges for entrepreneurs, particularly those in the North and South Omaha communities.
- The eligible project initiatives encompass a diverse range of creative endeavors, including but not limited to:
 - Provision of loans or grants to entrepreneurs
 - Offering technical assistance, business incubators, and grants to support start-up or expansion costs for small businesses
- **Prioritized:**
 - Organizations that form partnerships with an iHub, Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), or Institute of Higher Education (IHE)
- **Projects must:**
 - Benefit entrepreneurs and/or small businesses located within a QCT and/or ERA

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Arts, Culture, & Social Assistance

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- The purpose of this grant is to fund projects that predominantly focus on promoting the **arts and humanities** or provide **social assistance** to beneficiary individuals and households in QCTs or ERAs.
 - **Predominant** shall mean grant budget line items totaling 50% or more of the cost of the project
- An organization whose project was recommended for funding and designated as a catalyst or quick win project in the coordination plan may apply for this grant.

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What's Next

What's next?

- The NSORG website is now live!
<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/recovery/nsorg/>
- A Program Manual will be added soon and will contain important information regarding eligibility and rules governing the grant program and process.
- Applications will be published on the website and will be submitted through AmpliFund, DED's Grant Management Software.
- DED program managers and staff will assist applicants with questions throughout the application process.
- Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the Program Manual.
- Awards will be made on a rolling basis, starting in September.

Office Hours & Contact Info

Visit DED's North or South Omaha offices at the times listed below:

- **North Omaha Office:** 5319 N 30th St. Suite B, Omaha, NE 68111
 - Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **South Omaha Office:** 2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha, NE 68107
Automotive Training Center
 - Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - NOTE: DED's South Omaha office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day
 - Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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