RC:H2B

Attachment A: Proposal Narrative

**Directions:**

1. Complete all sections in this form. Even if a section is not applicable to your project, write “N/A”. Do not leave any sections blank.
2. Provide succinct and complete responses in each section. Do not assume that the application reviewer is familiar with your community. The Narrative should include all pertinent information not already stated or explained sufficiently in other application sections.
3. **THIS FORM SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 PAGES.** If you need additional space, you can delete these directions or the grey italicized directions within the question fields below. Do not change the font size in this form to include more information.
4. Save this form as a PDF and attach the PDF to your Smartsheet form application in the section “ATTACHMENTS” at the end. **PDF file size shall not exceed 15MB.**

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| **REMOVING BARRIERS AND RECONNECTION** |
| 1. **What is the transportation barrier in the proposed improvement area, and how has it impacted the community and caused historical harm?** |
| 1. **With a focus on transportation and community development solutions, how would the community like to be reconnected?** |
| 1. **Describe the community engagement that was conducted to support the answer provided to items 1 and 2 above. Specifics encouraged.** |
| **PARTNERSHIPS** |
| 1. **Use this space to explain (at a high-level) who your partners will be and how their perspectives relate to the historical harm caused by the transportation barrier?**   *You do not need to duplicate information provided in responses 1-3 above.* |
| **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, JUSTICE, AND PROSPERITY** |
| 1. **How will the community and partners be involved in the reconnection process?**   *Please answer by responding to each of the following unique prompts 6.i through 6.iii.*  6.i. Which perspectives will be targeted for ongoing involvement, and how do these perspectives tie back to the historical harm caused by the transportation barrier and/or to the needs of the community?  6.ii. What milestones of the reconnection process would the community be meaningfully engaged on?  6.iii. What participatory planning methods do you intend to utilize to regularly involve the community meaningfully in the reconnection process? |
| 1. **Going beyond involvement and outreach, the proposal should outline (just outline at this phase; no hard commitment necessary yet) a formal governance structure, program, or agreement that would be created to build the capacity for the lead agency to give community greater representation and voice in ongoing transportation and land use decision making with regards to the proposed improvement area.** |

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| **AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING AND ADDRESSING HOUSING NEEDS** |
| 1. **Demonstrate understanding of existing access to opportunity within the proposed improvement area. Explain how they could be increased to within the proposed improvement area to connect to areas of high resource.**   *Include specific attention on increased safe access to transit and acknowledging the specific strengths of the proposed partners.* |
| 1. **Demonstrate understanding of the proposed improvements area’s housing needs. Explain ideas for how the community reconnection and action would support these needed housing solutions.** |
| 1. **Identify local or regional agencies responsible for housing planning, advocacy and implementation that can support reconnection actions.** |
| **CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE** |
| 1. **Demonstrate an understanding of the proposed improvement area’s climate vulnerabilities and any existing local or regional climate mitigation targets.** |
| 1. **How will the proposal improve resilience to any climate vulnerabilities or reinforce progress towards meeting local or regional climate mitigation targets?** |

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| **DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE** |
| 1. **Demonstrate an understanding of known displacement vulnerabilities within the proposed improvement area. Consider the unhoused when responding to this item.** |
| 1. **Identity and explain economic, environmental, and public health burdens that may directly occur due to reconnection actions that may lead to long-term physical or economic displacement of low-income households, small businesses, the unhoused, and cultural spaces.**   *“Lead” being a key word here, indicating that the anti-displacement assessment should be inclusive of indirect and longer-term displacement, not just immediate impacts.* |
| 1. **Explain existing policies or plans that address displacement avoidance in your community or identify displacement avoidance mitigation programs or coordination that will result from the proposal.** |