



FY21 Community Development Block Grant

Funding Request

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Project/Program Name	Clifton Prado Park Improvements
Total FY21 Project Budget	\$35,000
FY21 CDBG Funding Request	\$35,000

Lakewood Department of Planning & Development

Clifton Prado Park Improvements

CDBG Eligibility Criteria

The Lakewood Department of Planning & Development's **Clifton Prado Park Improvements Project** satisfies the following eligibility criteria and is therefore suitable for CDBG funding consideration.

i. CDBG National Objective

Low-Moderate Income Area Benefit (LMA): An activity that is available to and benefits all residents in a defined residential area where at least 51% of the residents are low-moderate income persons.

ii. CDBG-Eligible Activity Category

Public Facilities & Improvements: The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of public improvements or facilities, excluding buildings for the general conduct of government.

iii. HUD-Designated Performance Objective(s)

Create Suitable Living Environments

iv. HUD-Designated Performance Outcome(s)

Availability/Accessibility
Sustainability

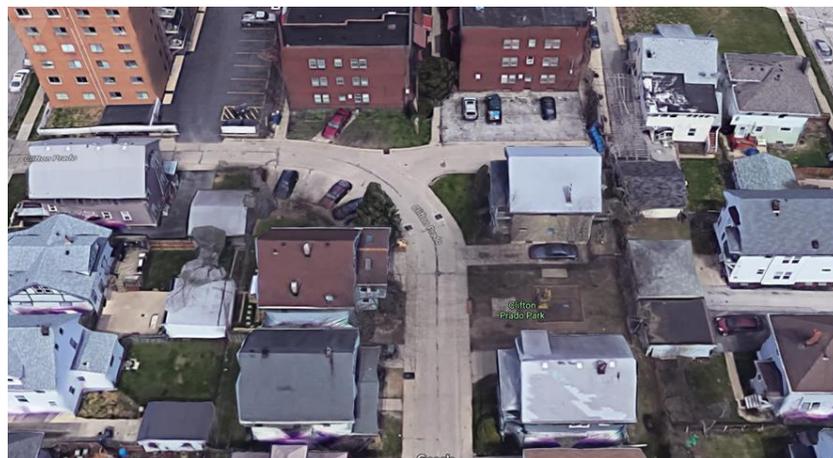
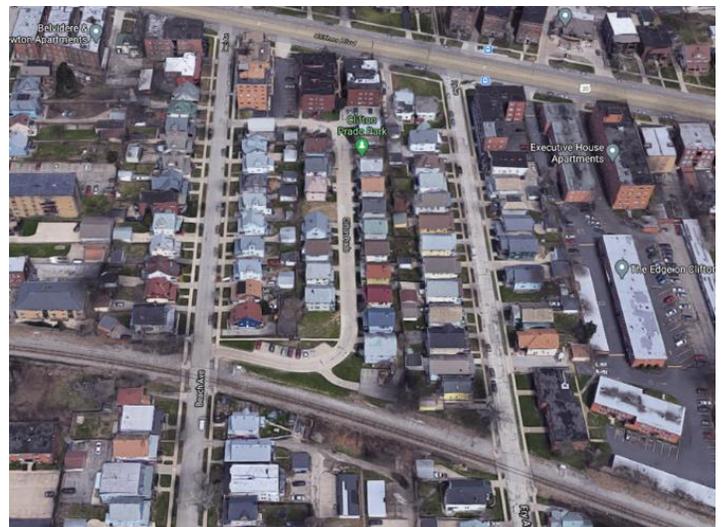
ABSTRACT

Lakewood is an extremely dense community. Its 53,000 residents live in only 5.3 square miles and the city has only 72 acres of park land. As most residences have modest yards most of the community's apartment buildings don't provide an outdoor play area the city's parks are heavily used and in great demand. Moreover, in an established, coastal community like Lakewood it is extremely difficult, if not impossible to create new park land. Instead, the city focuses on improving its existing parks.

In 2010, Lakewood conducted a series of resident focus groups culminating in the development of a Strategic Parks Master Plan. Since then, Lakewood has successfully executed major improvements to several key public spaces including Lakewood Park, Madison Park and, most recently, Cove Park.

The Department of Planning & Development requests \$35,000 in FY21 CDBG funding to implement much needed improvements to Clifton Prado Park (1265 Clifton Prado). The playground equipment and amenities at this small pocket park on the city's east side are outdated and in dire need of replacement.

The City's Strategic Parks Master Plan, an on-line survey and if possible, an on-site community meeting, will inform the rehabilitation plan. Lakewood Department of Public Works staff will provide the labor component of the project



PROJECT NARRATIVE

1. Community Needs Addressed

Provision of a functional, multi-generational outdoor recreation space.

2. Primary Goals & Objectives

- Provide a higher level of amenities to encourage multi-generational use;
- Provide play equipment that meets current safety and accessibility standards for all ages and abilities;
- Plant trees and other vegetation that will enhance the park experience for generations to come;
- Create a safe play environment for all ages and abilities;
- Provide seating opportunities;
- Increase versatility and range of uses;
- Enhance accessibility and visual appeal.

3. Program Design, Uniqueness & Innovation

Community input will guide the design process and there may be an opportunity for a public art installation at the re-designed park.

4. Target Population(s)

All residents within a 10 minute walking distance.

5. Geographic Service Area

A 10 minute walking distance from the park in all directions.

6. Outreach Strategy & Efforts

On-site community engagement meeting and an online survey.

7. Community Partnerships & Stakeholders

Neighborhood residents, block clubs, land Council President Dan O'Malley.

8. Implementation Schedule

Milestone	Completion Deadline
Community Focus Groups	Ongoing
Project Completion	9/30/2020

9. Projected Beneficiaries (January 1 – December 31, 2021)

This project will directly benefit the approximately 950 residents in the park’s service area.

10. Program Evaluation

The Department of Planning & Development will conduct a survey to gauge residents’ satisfaction with park improvements.

FY21 PROJECT BUDGET

1. Expenses

Expense Category	Total Project (A)	CDBG Funds(B)	CDBG % of Total (B/A)
Personnel			
Salaries			0
Fringe Benefits			0
Sub-Total Personnel			
Overhead & Operations			
Rent/Lease			0
Insurance			0
Materials & Supplies	\$30,000		0
Professional Services	\$5,000		0
Equipment			0
Sub-Total Overhead & Ops	\$35,000	\$35,000	100%
Total Project Costs	\$35,000	\$35,000	100%

2. Funding Sources

Source	Requested	Committed	Total
FY21 City of Lakewood CDBG Funding Request	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Total Funding Sources	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000

FY21 BUDGET NARRATIVE

- 1. Describe how CDBG funds will be utilized to support the proposed program.**
The requested funds will be used for the design and installation of park amenities.
- 2. Describe how the proposed program would function if it does not receive full amount of requested funding.**
The renovation would be postponed until a new funding source can be identified.
- 3. Describe the department’s efforts to develop/leverage other sources of funding to support the proposed program.**
Apply for grants to provide additional funding. If there is room for landscaping, the Lakewood Garden Club often designs and installs plantings they pay for, and helps to find a group to “Adopt” the spot and provide ongoing maintenance.