

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NIP) ROUND III 2009

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The City of El Paso wants to work with neighborhood associations to enhance the quality of life throughout the community.
The NIP is designed to provide El Paso's neighborhoods with the opportunity to request small scale improvements and/or enhancements to increase neighborhood pride.

The NIP proposal process will have two phases; a Pre-Application and Final Application.

NIP Pre-Applications will be reviewed by the Neighborhood Improvement Review Committee (NIRC,) in order to determine eligibility and feasibility of the proposed project. In order to be eligible to compete for a portion of these funds; **the proposal, the recognized neighborhood and/or civic association must meet the following:**

- Age of neighborhood must be greater than 10 years (age of neighborhood is determined by date of plat recording) and be within a neighborhood boundary as defined by The City of El Paso's Neighborhood Boundary Map;
- Provide evidence that demonstrates reasonable efforts were made to allow all neighborhood residents to participate in proposal process;
- Identify an eligible project that results in a "permanent public improvement" that benefits all neighborhood residents and the general public;
- * Projects proposed within Neighborhood Revitalization Areas **are not eligible.**

Approved NIP Pre-Applications will be invited to submit a final application which will be reviewed by the NIRC.

Sample of Eligible NIP Projects	Ineligible NIP Projects
Refurbish or enhance playground equipment	Purchase of land
Modular fitness equipment	Resurfacing streets
Park name sign	Repairing pot holes paving alleys
Refurbishing park hard courts	Cleaning streets, alleys or drainage canals
Neighborhood entry way sign	Repair and/or installation of sidewalks on public right of way external to parks.
Park furnishings (tables, benches, trash receptacles)	Installation of residential street lighting
Public Art	Drainage improvements
Playground canopy	Electrical or mechanical systems (except small modification due to an eligible project)
Jogging/pedestrian walkway	
Sidewalks	Median Landscaping
Park Lights (Pending Infrastructure)	
Traffic Calming Device	

HOW DID THE ASSOCIATION COME TO THE DETERMINATION THAT THIS WOULD BE A BENEFICIAL PROJECT? _____

HOW WILL THIS PROJECT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS?

Mail or Drop off this form to:
Neighborhood Services
Department of Community and Human Development
#2 Civic Center Plaza, 2ND Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901-1196
Phone: (915) 541-4918

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING REQUESTS IS 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY June 24th, 2009
Contact Mark Alvarado at the above number if you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form.
You will be informed as to the status of your request no later than July 15th, 2009.