

ULI Community Action Grants

APPLICATION GUIDE (revised October 2007)



The Community Action Grants program, funded by the Urban Land Institute Foundation, encourages the creation of entrepreneurial projects at the state, regional, and local level that build community consensus for action and change. The ULI Foundation makes up to \$300,000 available annually to District Councils to seed these projects.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

ULI District Councils and ULI members, applying on behalf of other nonprofit organizations or local jurisdictions, are eligible for grants. In all cases, District Councils should have explicit involvement and a clear role in the project. ULI District Councils and members inside and outside the United States are encouraged to apply.

All applications should be reviewed by the District Council leadership before submission. These leaders should provide comments to ULI Community Outreach staff on the merits of each proposal, its relevance to the community, and the opportunities it presents for ULI to provide leadership in the community.

Individual ULI members in an area without an active District Council, applying on behalf of nonprofit or government agencies, should contact ULI Community Outreach staff for advice on how to apply.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Grants will be awarded for creative, innovative community outreach, research, or education programs. By encouraging new ideas and supporting the most entrepreneurial projects, communities can benefit when successful projects can be replicated. Applicants do not necessarily need a track record to receive a grant. In addition:

- Grants generally will be \$25,000 or less.
- To better leverage ULI's funds, ULI strongly encourages applicants to demonstrate that matching funds have been committed to the program. These funds can come from the District Council or from other organizations.

Proposals will be reviewed with the following **criteria** in mind:

- How will the project build consensus for action to change local, regional, or state policy and practice?
- How will the project engage ULI members and local land use professionals in creating, executing, and sustaining the program?
- How will the project address topics with broad interest/applicability to land use challenges?
- How will the project create local alliances with universities or government, nonprofit, or quasi-public agencies, and foster collaboration with local community groups and public officials?
- Will the project be replicable in other communities?
- How will the project enhance the reputation of ULI as a trusted source of information, advice, and expertise or as the trusted convener of diverse stakeholders?

HOW TO APPLY

Grant requests (generally three to five pages) should be submitted in writing and should address the following questions:

1. Who is the applicant for the grant? Grants will be made to ULI District Councils or ULI members on behalf of other nonprofit organizations or government agencies. Include the applicant's name, address, phone number, and E-mail address.
2. Who is (are) the lead ULI member(s) who will champion this project? Who else will be involved? Are there partner organizations? Who should be contacted if more information is needed?

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3. What is the project proposing to do? What are the project components?
4. What is the timetable for the project?
5. What is the total budget for the project? How much funding is being sought in the ULI Community Action Grant? Applicants are encouraged to include a detailed project budget.
6. Will there be matching funds and what will be the source of these funds? Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide letters showing a commitment of matching funds.
7. What is foreseen as the outcome of the project?
8. How will this project address the program criteria outlined above? How will this project engage ULI members and partners? Please provide details.
9. Does the District Council leadership support this application? District Councils should review each application from their region and send a letter directly to ULI Community Outreach staff commenting on the application.

District Councils are encouraged to consult with their District Council counselor and the ULI Community Outreach staff if they need assistance in preparing their grant request.

Grant Requests

Grant requests should be submitted electronically to actiongrants@uli.org. Should the applicant choose to submit a hard copy of the application in addition to the electronic version, one unbound copy should be mailed to:

Community Action Grants

Urban Land Institute
1025 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W., Suite 500 West
Washington, DC 20007

Timetable

The review committee, composed of ULI officers and Foundation governors, will meet twice a year to consider grant requests. Awards will be announced at the ULI fall and spring meetings.

Submission and Award Dates for 2008:

Submission Date	Awards Announced
March 21, 2008	ULI Spring Council Forum
September 17, 2008	ULI Fall Meeting

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