



Louisiana Economic Development
Louisiana Development Ready Community Grant

_____ LDRC Community

PROJECT CATEGORY: (Please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Match Funds (State Grants Programs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writers | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) |

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: YES NO

(photos, plans, rendering, etc)

_____ Parish or Municipality Name

Person Completing Form: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

_____ Signature of Mayor/Parish President

Please return the completed entry form and any additional materials to:

Louisiana Economic Development
LaSalle Building, 11th Floor
617 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5239

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RECEIPT DEADLINE: May 31, 2024

Entry forms must be emailed. Additional items must be emailed to the LED office at the email address above. Faxed or mailed entry forms will not be accepted.

LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY GRANT

LDRC Community: _____

Title or Name of Project: _____

Expected Project Dates:

_____ (BEGIN) _____ (CONCLUDE)

In the space below, briefly describe the project, its intended purposes, and effectiveness. Be sure to include the date of inception, conclusion, operation, budget, and other relevant information. Also include any information appropriate for a summary description of the project which could be used for press releases or evaluator's review.

ENTRY FORMS:

All entrants must complete an official entry form by the date specified in the cover letter of the entry forms.

Spaces are provided on the first page of the entry form for the name of the Louisiana development ready community (LDRC). Space is provided on the second page of the entry form for the title or name of the project and a brief summary. This information may be used in preparation of press releases on the winning communities as well as serve as an executive summary for the evaluator's review. Page two also requests a detailed project description be attached to the entry form.

Some questions that this description may answer are:

OBJECTIVE

- Why is the project needed?
- What are the goals?

SCOPE

- What steps will be taken to complete the project?
- What is the time frame of the project?
- Will the project provide a new community service or improve an existing community service?
- Where applicable, provide a description of the projected general accounting costs of the project. Include any kind of donations, services, income from taxes, bond issues, capital outlay, grants, etc.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Will the project involve cooperation among or participation from the local government, citizens, and/or businesses?
- What is the anticipated level of participation?
- Who will be involved?

While each of these sections will require a response, the amount of information may vary, depending upon the project. The project description is limited to the narrative only.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Additional items may be included with your entry, but they are not required.

EVALUATION

A committee, made up of LED staff without ties to the applicants, will score each application. The projects with the highest 10 scores will be awarded the grants for 2024.

AWARD DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS

LED will award ten communities a \$10,000 grant to be used to fund projects that are dedicated to community development. Examples of appropriate use of funds include, but are not limited to, marketing, infrastructure improvements, grant writers, or matching funds for state grants or programs. In order to qualify, the participating community must be an LDRC graduate.

The award amount will be for the scope of work to be conducted across twelve months (from date of award). The grant will provide funding on a cost reimbursement basis in adherence with state requirements. All activities will only qualify for reimbursement if they are conducted after a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) is in place with LED.