

# Globeville, Elyria, Swansea Community Investment Fund Request for Proposals

## What is the Globeville, Elyria, Swansea Community Investment Fund?

The Globeville, Elyria, Swansea Community Investment Fund (GES CIF) is an entity that was formed in Spring 2021 intended to distribute funds to Globeville, Elyria and Swansea community and neighborhood residents.

The GES CIF exists to support and fund community wants, needs and aspirations that focus on the inequalities in the surrounding neighborhoods of Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea.

## What kinds of projects does the CIF fund?

The inaugural GES CIF request for proposals seeks to fund projects that will benefit the community. We are seeking to fund aspirational projects, big ideas that challenge gentrification, build community empowerment and challenge the historic and systemic marginalization of the GES communities.

We define a community benefit as a project, group, or idea that can benefit individuals, neighbors, and workers and also shows investment in a block, a street, and/or more broadly across the Globeville, Elyria, and Swansea neighborhoods.

Applications which show that a project has garnered support from immediate neighbors, and/or shows involvement of multiple community members and/or groups, and those that express how their project will benefit the community broadly, will likely be highly scored.

## Need support with your grant application?

If you have any questions about the application or need support to complete it, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [gescommunityinvestmentfund@gmail.com](mailto:gescommunityinvestmentfund@gmail.com).

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.gescommunityinvestmentfund.org/>

**APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 10, 2024!**

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\* Indicates required question

1. Name of person completing this application \*
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2. Email address \*

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3. Phone number \*

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4. Are you part of an organization or completing this application as an individual? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Organization    *Skip to question 7*

Individual    *Skip to question 13*

5. Which category best represents your project? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Housing support - wheelchair ramps, interior and accessibility home modifications, individual home repairs, upkeep, and/or items for safety

Health - food access programming, mental health resources, exercise classes and clubs, flower and garden bed maintenance

Economic Opportunity - locally owned and operated small businesses and cooperatives, efforts to support neighborhood workers, businesses courses including how to open, operate, sustain and market a business

Art - art therapy projects, spoken word poetry, supplies, community organizations, preserving history and local storytelling

Youth and Elder Engagement - childcare programs, after school programming, career preparation, mentorship opportunities, recreational activities and visits to locations across the city, activity clubs (coffee, book, bike, walking) and athletics

Community voice - community led conversations, how to start a community based organization, civic engagement trainings, organizer trainings, leadership courses

Environment - programs that teach the the history of environmental racism in GES, know your rights trainings, programs that inform, mitigate, and/or improve local air, water, and soil

- 6. Do you as an individual or does your organization have an address in Globeville, Elyria, or Swansea? How long have you existed in your neighborhood? Do you have a legacy relationship to one of the neighborhoods, meaning have multiple generations of your family lived in the neighborhoods? \*

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Organization Questions

- 7. Organization name \*

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- 8. For the purposes of granting out funds, does your organization fall into one of the following categories? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Registered Neighborhood Organization - groups formed by residents and property owners within a neighborhood who meet regularly and whose organizational and contact information is kept on file with the city's Community Planning and Development Department
- Nonprofit/501c3 - a legal entity organized and operated for a collective, public or social benefit
- Business - an enterprising activity engaged in commercial, industrial, or professional activities
- Community action committee - an organization that challenges structural and/or systemic issues in the neighborhoods
- LLC - a business structure type that provides personal liability protection
- Community group (3 members or more) - does not have any legal status, but group that consistently meets with common purpose

- 9. Share your organization's mission. \*

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10. Share your organization's vision. \*

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11. Describe how your group is organized. You may also provide an organizational chart including employees and board members. \*

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12. Describe how directly impacted community members are involved in your decision making processes and projects. \*

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Individual Questions

13. Are you applying for funds for housing repair? \*

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14. Which of the follow are you? \*

Mark only one oval.

Owner Skip to question 15

Renter/Tenant Skip to question 16

Home Owner

15. Do you currently reside at the home? \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes
- No

Renter

16. Do you have support from the owner for this project? \*

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Fiscal Sponsorship

17. Do you have a fiscal sponsor - typically a non-profit organization offering their legal and tax-exempt status to groups and projects without 501c3 status, that are engaged in activities related to the sponsoring organization's mission? \*

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*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes *Skip to question 18*
- No *Skip to question 19*

Fiscal Sponsor (1)

18. Who is your fiscal sponsor? \*

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Fiscal Sponsor (2)

- 19. Is there any reason you would be unable to receive funds directly? For example: you are not a 501c3 and do not have a fiscal sponsor, you are an informal group of neighborhood parents, etc. \*

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Funding Level

- 20. At what funding level are you applying? \*

Mark only one oval.

- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$2,500 *Skip to question 21*
- \$5,000 *Skip to question 21*
- \$10,000 *Skip to question 21*

Letter of Support

- 21. Please provide a maximum of 2 letters of support from a community member or organization that supports your proposed project. \*

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### Proposal Description Questions

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- 22. Describe the project and how it would benefit the GES communities. (500 word maximum) \*

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- 23. What other partnering organizations, local small businesses, or individual community members will be involved to complete this project? \*

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24. What is your estimated timeline for planning and implementing the project? \*

What is the expected start date of the project?

Projects must be completed by March 31, 2025. Applicants will not be eligible for another cycle of grant funding until they have completed their final grant report to show their proposed project is complete.

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25. Do you have past experience doing the work outlined in the proposal? Briefly share that history, or other activities you are currently involved in that support your understanding for this project. \*

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26. What is your estimated budget for this project? Please provide a brief budget outline. We have provided sample budget templates for you to use. \*

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Thank you for submitting your application!

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