

Information to be provided:

1. Today's Date - February 16, 2023
2. Earmark Sponsor - Rep. Chandra Dillard
3. Project/Event Name – Community Centers Project
4. Request Amount - \$15M
5. Recipient Type (Local Government, Non-Profit, Private Organization, etc.) – Local Government
6. W-9 Form (Federal Tax ID Number) — [REDACTED]
7. Point of Contact:
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8. Please provide a written summary and description for:
 - a) **The activity, function or project for which earmark is intended**
The funding would be used for the reconstruction and improvement of the Nicholtown and West Greenville Community Centers.
 - b) **Public purpose served by the project**
Community centers are important for a healthy, vibrant community and can make a lasting, positive impact on the people they serve. They provide opportunities in a safe, inclusive environment and foster a culture of health and wellbeing. The spaces also empower our youth and provide life-enriching programs for a livable community.

Nicholtown and West Greenville are growing communities that value programs and spaces that enhance togetherness and community gathering. As such, the neighborhood community centers need to evolve to fit the changing needs of their local citizens by providing flexible indoor and outdoor spaces that support the physical and mental wellbeing across generations.

ABOUT NICHOLTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

Constructed in 1977, the Nicholtown Community Center offers multi-purpose space for youth programming, a covered basketball court that is actively used by a diverse teenage demographic, a dance studio, baseball field and a social hall that serves as a meeting place and recreation hub for neighborhood children and adults.

The Nicholtown Afterschool and Summer Programs are open to students in K5 through 8th grade with a maximum capacity of 45 students. Accommodations are made to meet the needs of participants with disabilities and those in foster care. The programs target population is the Nicholtown Special Emphasis Neighborhood and immediate surrounding areas. The City of Greenville has coined the phrase, Special Emphasis Neighborhoods as areas characterized by higher concentrations of low-to-moderate income households with over 51% of the household earning less than 80% of the area median income.

This Nicholtown Special Emphasis Neighborhood is 84% minority based (80% black, 3% multiple races, 1% other non-white races) with a median household income of \$28,376. 18% of the community has no high school diploma and only 22% have a college degree (source Esri 2020 Forecasts). For the 2021/2022 school year, 80% of the afterschool participants received financial aid for program fees which lowers to fee to \$1.50 per day. For the afterschool program, students will specifically come from Lake Forest Elementary School, East North Street Elementary School and Northwood Middle School.

ABOUT WEST GREENVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

The West Greenville Community Center features the only indoor basketball court within the City's community centers and has historically been a desirable athletic venue for youth sports. The center also hosts a well-attended after school program for neighborhood children with most students on a financial aid scholarship. The center offers a game room that is a meeting place and hub for both neighborhood kids and adults. West Greenville Community Center is also the venue for the monthly meetings of the West Greenville Community Association. The existing center was built in the late 70's and is experiencing significant challenges as it reaches the end of its useful service life. With new storm-water outflows from a nearby construction and the building's siting in a low poor draining area, water intrusion is beginning to undermine the structure and significant building systems. Envelope leaks and ongoing complications from the building construction type are causing condensation issues, continually damaging flooring and ceiling tiles throughout."

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