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**TACTICAL
URBANISM**

MINI GRANT PROGRAM



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WHAT IS TACTICAL URBANISM?

Tactical urbanism is a type of low-cost, temporary changes to the built environment intended to improve local neighborhoods and city gathering places. Tactical urbanism is also commonly referred to as guerrilla urbanism, pop-up urbanism, city repair, or D.I.Y. urbanism.

The Street Plans Collaborative defines tactical urbanism as an approach to urban change that features the following five characteristics:

1. *A deliberate, phased approach to instigating change;*
2. *The offering of local solutions for local planning challenges;*
3. *Short-term commitment and realistic expectations;*
4. *Low-risks, with a possibly high reward; and*
5. *The development of social capital between citizens and the building of organizational capacity between public-private institutions, non-profits, and their constituents.*

Tactical urbanism projects vary significantly in scope, size, budget, and support. Projects often begin as grassroots interventions and spread to other places and are in some cases adopted by municipal governments as best practices.

Colerain Township is interested in helping promote creative ideas and would like the opportunity to reward hard working individuals or groups on their ideas that could improve the community. Amounts of **\$250 - \$500 for project proposals** are ideal. The Township will not pay applicants directly; payments will be in lieu of supplies or items needed for project.

Types of projects include:

1. **Murals**

A mural is any piece of artwork painted or applied directly on a wall, ceiling or other permanent surfaces. A distinguishing characteristic of mural painting is that the architectural elements of the given space are harmoniously incorporated into the picture.

2. **Park(ing) Days**

The act of removing parking spaces temporary for a day where a 'mini park' is constructed, motivated by a desire to activate the parking spaces as a site for creative experimentation.

3. **Temporary Traffic Calmings**

Slowing down traffic such as chicanes, mobile pedestrian crossings, and temporary roundabouts.

4. **Way Finding**

Can be defined as spatial problem solving. It is knowing where you are in a building or an environment, knowing where your desired location is, and knowing how to get there from your present location.

5. **Public Art**

Public art is art in any media that has been planned and executed with the intention of being staged in the physical public domain, usually outside and accessible to all.

....and more

WHAT CAN I DO?

Tactical urbanism means making small-scale, temporary improvements to the built environment. Tactical urbanism projects are low-cost, temporary and demonstrative, meaning that they show how an improvement or solution would function. The goal of the Colerain Township Tactical Urbanism Mini Grant Program is to give Township residents and businesses a creative opportunity to take initiative with planning of their community. The creativity is ultimately up to the applicants!

Below are examples of tactical urbanism projects in other communities:



COLERAIN EXAMPLE

Last year in 2018, our Public Services crew installed temporary chicanes on Loralinda Drive in an effort to slow down motorists on this well-known active street. Chicanes are a series of two or three curb bump-outs, placed on alternating sides of the street and staggered to create a curved one-lane segment of roadway. They can help reduce speed by making motorists maneuver through the area one vehicle at a time.

Below are pictures of the chicanes on Loralinda Drive:



Check out the story:

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/local/colerain/2018/09/20/its-not-chicanery-traffic-devices-can-help-motorists-slow-down/1345464002/>



STEPS TO APPLY

What are the steps?

The steps are easy!

- Make sure you have read through this guide.
- Make sure you know the location of your site.
- Make sure you have the property owner's consent.
- Make sure you have written up a detailed plan/process of your project and why this project would help/be an asset to the community.
- Fill out the online application on our website at www.colerain.org.
- If we have any questions, we will contact you to follow up.

Where and how can I apply?

To apply for the grant, go to our website at colerain.org. Under the Planning & Zoning page, you will find a tab that says Tactical Urbanism Mini Grant. Fill out the application online and submissions!

Click below to apply online:

<https://www.colerain.org/FormCenter/Planning-Zoning-8/Tactical-Urbanism-Mini-Grant-Application-82>

How long will it take for my application to be reviewed?

The application period is revolving. Depending on what your project consists of, this review process takes up to a minimum of 2 weeks. If more information is needed, then the process may be delayed.



LOCATING YOUR SITE

Where can I put my tactical urbanism project?

It is important that your project is located within the Colerain Township boundaries.

Private Property

If your project is located entirely on private property, there are no further restrictions beyond the required Property Owner Consent Letter as part of your application. If you are yourself the property owner, we will still require written consent.

Right-of-Way

The Township would prefer a tactical urbanism installation only be placed in the Township boundaries and within the right-of-way of speed limits 25 mph or less. Streets maintained by Hamilton County are not out of question, but this will likely lengthen the review process for your application.

PROJECT ESSENTIALS

Things to keep in mind:

- Avoid federal, state, and county roads and highways.
- Avoid streets with posted speed limits greater than 25 mph.
- Avoid blocking driveways or property without written permission.
- Preserve normal access to utilities and sites.
- Preserve access to fire hydrants.
- Preserve access for emergency vehicles.
- Maintain the aspect of safety.
- Maintain ADA compliance.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Links:

<https://www.colerain.org/427/Tactical-Urbanism-Mini-Grants>

<https://www.snellville.org/tactical-urbanism>

<https://www.street-plans.com>

<http://tacticalurbanismguide.com>

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach:

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