

Community Organization Investment Windsor Open House Information Session Thursday January 16, 2020

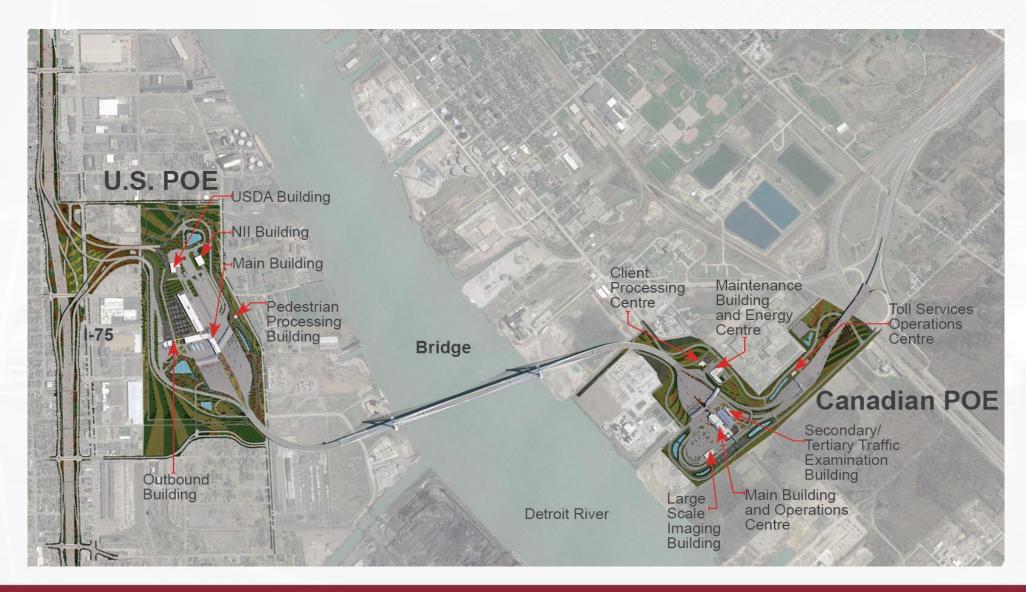


## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Project Overview
- 3. Community Benefits Overview
- 4. Community Organization Investment
  - a) Eligible Organizations and Projects
  - b) Review and Selection Process
  - c) Additional Considerations
  - d) How to Apply
- 5. Question and Answer Period



## PROJECT OVERVIEW



## **VISION FOR COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

The vision for community benefits is to deliver a series of initiatives, based on public input, that create measurable and positive results-based opportunities for the host communities.

The Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan will:

- Provide economic opportunities in the host communities
- Contribute positively to workforce development programs, thereby improving economic inclusion
- Deliver neighourhood improvements
- Ensure clear commitments and accountability from all parties for its delivery



## THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAN



The Workforce Development and Participation Strategy is geared toward engaging businesses and focuses on supporting workforce, training and preapprenticeship/apprenticeship opportunities



The Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy focuses on collaborating with stakeholders and community members through consultation to develop a community investment strategy based on identified priorities.

# THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

The US Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy within the Community Benefits Plan includes a commitment to deliver an **annual \$50,000 investment allowance.** The allowance will be made available once a year between 2020 and 2024.

Requests for funding can range from \$1,000 - \$25,000.

Applications to be considered for the 2020 funding cycle are being accepted until **January 31, 2020.** 

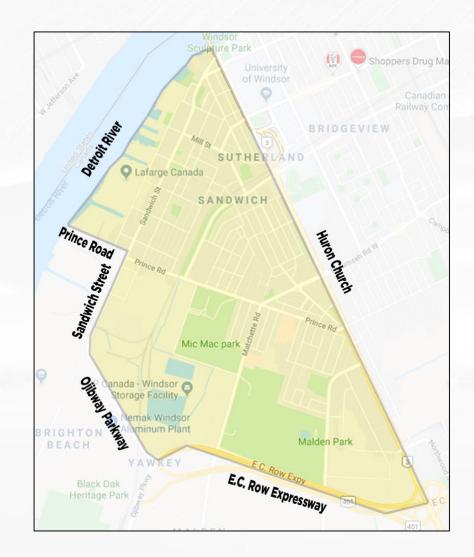


### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for funding:

- The applicant must be a registered non-profit organization or charitable organization
  - If the applicant is not a registered non-profit or charity, a trustee organization that is a registered non-profit or charity must also be named within the application and provide an accompanying letter of support
- Eligible organizations must be located in or provide services to the Sandwich/West Windsor community

Individuals, public sector and for-profit organizations are not eligible and will not be considered for funding



## **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Projects will be considered eligible for funding if:

- The requested funds will be used to support events, programming and infrastructure improvements in the Sandwich/West Windsor community
- The proposed project will provide a direct benefit to the Sandwich/West Windsor community
- The proposed project aligns with at least one of the community investment priorities, including:
  - Community partnerships
  - Community safety and connections
  - Economic benefits
  - Aesthetics and landscaping
- The proposed project will begin after July 1, 2020 and will be completed prior to June 30, 2021 - funding will not be committed over multiple years
- Projects/initiatives that could be considered religious or political in nature will not be considered for funding, however, religious organizations may apply if the proposed project/initiative is non-religious in nature and will provide benefits to the greater community

## APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

#### January 31, 2020

Deadline to submit applications for funding

#### Early February 2020

Applications reviewed to ensure completeness and eligibility

## Late February 2020

Eligible applications will be reviewed by the Local Community Group, who will recommend applications to be further reviewed

#### **March 2020**

Senior
representatives
from WDBA,
BNA and the
State of
Michigan will
review
applications and
allocate funding

#### **April 2020**

All applicants will be notified via email of the status of their applications

#### **July 2020**

Funding will be released to successful applicants

#### **Additional Considerations:**

- Individuals responsible for reviewing applications will be required to treat all information as confidential and adhere to Non-Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Agreements.
- The project team reserves the right to offer funding to successful applicants in an amount that differs from what had been requested in the submitted application.

## **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- If the funding request is related to an infrastructure investment, renderings or drawings of the proposed infrastructure and cost-estimates are required with the submission of the application
- If the funding request is for an event or program, budget breakdown is required with the submission of the application
- Upon approval of funding, successful applicants will receive further information regarding grantee expectations, recognition and promotion and reporting requirements
- Successful applicants will receive 90% of the committed funding in July and the remaining 10% will be released once reporting requirements are satisfied (on or before June 30, 2021)
- All applications must be signed off by a senior staff and board member who are authorized to sign on behalf of the organization
- Organizations that have received funding through the Community Benefits Plan for a different initiative are eligible to apply for funding

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested organizations can submit their applications in the following ways:

Electronic Submission

Complete and submit an electronic application (with attachments) via gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com

or

Download a copy of the submission from gordiehoweinternationalbridge.com and submit the completed application via email to info@wdbridge.com

Hard Copy Submission

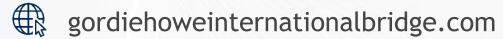
> Submit a completed paper copy of the application (with attachments) inperson or via mail to one of office locations identified below:

WDBA Main Office, 100 Ouellette Avenue, Suite 400, Windsor, ON, N9A 6T3

Sandwich Community Office, 3201 Sandwich Street, Windsor, ON, N9C 1A8 (Note: See website for hours)

Southwest Detroit Community Office, 7744 W Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI, 48209 (Note: See website for hours)

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