

2022 Placemaking Application - Level 2 Application

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Does the proposed activity adhere to the stated requirement? Yes

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Association ID: 5870

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State: NE

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Association Executive First Name (if different from above):

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[Review the grant criteria before submitting the application form.](#)

Amount Requested (up to \$5,000 if all criteria is fully met):: \$5,000

Type of Project: Check only 1 (Note: project needs to creation of a new public space, not enhancing an existing public space.):
Park/Pocket Park

Describe the project.: Columbus Board of Realtors has offered to install an inclusivity swing--the first of it's kind in the city--as a donation to the City of Columbus. This will be located close to an existing park; in an area that is in the beginnings of beautification including walking trails and Lake Esther, and in very close proximity to the Columbus Community Hospital and Childcare Center, YMCA, Wiggles & Giggles Therapy for Kids, and the Columbus Community Hospital Field House (currently under construction).

Attach A Copy of the Design Plan (REQUIRED)

- [Inclusivity Area.png](#)

Location of Project (i.e., alley, vacant lot, open space, street, etc.) and current condition of the site: : Green space on the south side of the parking lot near Lake Esther, and adjacent to Sunset Park.

Attach The Site Photo - Graphic files only. **No aerial photos.** PDFs will not be accepted. (REQUIRED)

- [Park Close Up.jpg](#)
- [Park Opposing View.jpg](#)
- [Park Overview.jpg](#)

How will this project transform the current site into a vibrant public space/destination for the community to gather? : It will provide a

specialty play area for children with a range of disabilities, in close proximity to the play area geared towards fully able children. They will be able to utilize this equipment with family, friends, and caregivers, or independently.

Is the site of the project accessible via transit, bike, or foot or only by car? Describe.: Yes, it is along a walking path near the parking lot, and a sidewalk will lead to the equipment. The walking path connects to several different neighborhoods, providing excellent connection by foot and bike. There is generally no public transit in Columbus.

Will the space be open and accessible most of the time to the whole community?: The area is accessible during daylight hours.

What is the project's total budget? (Grant will not fund projects with a total budget over \$200,000). : \$12,000

Attach A Copy of the Project's Total Budget (not just Association's part).(REQUIRED)

- [Inclusivity Swing Budget.pdf](#)

What will NAR's grant funding be spent on? (i.e., design fees, seating, artwork, materials, site prep, labor, etc.). : Grant funds will be utilized to cover a portion of the cost of the equipment itself.

How will gap funding (difference between grant amount approved and total project budget) be provided for?: The Columbus Board of Realtors have allocated the additional funds for the project, along with in-kind donations of time, labor, and materials by Gehring Concrete & Ready-Mix, City of Columbus Parks Department, and B & R Construction.

What is the role of the REALTOR® Association in the project? How are REALTOR® members (YPN, commercial, brokers, etc.) engaged in the project? Describe in detail.: The Realtor members of the PR Committee have been active in the beginning stages of the project, including site plan evaluation, price quotes and budgeting, attending City committee meetings in regard to the project, and organizing volunteers to complete the project. Realtor members will be able to assist in auxiliary building projects such as setting up for the sidewalk installation, prepping the playspace location and installing matting--however due to liability reasons, the City of Columbus has agreed to take on the responsibility of installation of the actual structure. The City of Columbus has also agreed to a press release and ribbon cutting once the installation is complete.

Are there any other community partners or volunteers involved in this project? Describe their roles.: Concrete will be donated in-kind by Gehring Concrete & Ready-Mix Sidewalk installation labor will be completed by B&R Construction The City of Columbus Parks Dept will do the swing installation

Who is leading the project - your association/board or a partner? : Columbus Board of Realtors Public Relations Committee

How will the space be sustained and maintained after completion?: The Columbus Board of Realtors is gifting the structure to the City of Columbus. The City will maintain it along with the other area parks. Realtor members will participate in park clean-up activities as requested by the City.

Who owns the property and have you secured permission from the owner for the intended usage of the space?: The City of Columbus owns the property. Realtor members attended a Parks Committee meeting, where they voted on and approved the proposal.

Will the grant be funding a project in a rural community within your association's jurisdiction? Note that the Rural Housing Service defines "rural" as areas with less than 30,000 population and rural in character.: Yes

If the applicant is a local REALTOR® association, the state association must be notified of your application. Have you contacted your state association?: Yes

State and local REALTOR® associations shall only use resources provided by the NAR REALTOR® Party Program within their association's territorial jurisdictions as set by NAR. Does the proposed activity adhere to the stated requirement?: Yes

If this funding request is approved, do you give NAR permission to share your application, and any outcomes? : Yes

Disclaimer: NAR disclaims any and all responsibility related to the Association's Placemaking project. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless NAR, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, which arise in any way from the Association's Placemaking project, including but not limited to any harm or damages that may arise. Please check the box to certify that you have read and understand the disclaimer. If you are not the Executive Officer/CEO, you also need to certify that the Executive Officer/CEO has read the disclaimer. Note: If the applicant is a local REALTOR® association, your state association must be notified of your application if required by the state association.:

Project Start Date: 2022-03-21

Project End Date: 2022-12-30