



## Finance Department

### Public Improvements Advisory Committee

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### **FUNDED**

Date: April 16, 2024

To: Tricia DeGraff  
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From: Heather Bray

Subject: PIAC Request No. 411059-District 5, District 6-Other

Dear Tricia DeGraff:

On behalf of the Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC), I want to thank you for submitting a project request form. It is only with input and support such as yours that effective recommendations can be made to our City Council on the use of the sales tax for public improvements. PIAC reviewed each one of the 1080 requests received from across the city. The dollar value of all requests totaled \$692,559,594 which made the task of putting the projects in priority order difficult.

After months of discussion and deliberation, PIAC agreed upon a final recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. We are pleased to inform you that \$125,000 has been tentatively approved in the FY 24-25 Adopted Budget for your project request. This approval is subject to change based on feasibility of the project as determined by City staff. If the project is determined to be feasible, the funding for your project will become available to the engineering staff after May 1st. They will begin orchestrating behind-the-scenes items such as—but not limited to—design, right-of-way, contracts, additional funding, etc. This preliminary phase of work may occupy the remainder of this year, meaning you might not physically see the progress being made. If construction work was approved on your project, you may not see construction taking place until the following summer at the earliest. The engineering staff will do a complete scope review during the next few months to determine the best course of action for this project.

Thank you for your input into this important process. Feel free to contact us for further inquiries at 816-513-8828.

Sincerely,

Heather Bray

Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) Administrator

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 Updated February 21, 2024

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# PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PIAC)

## What is the Public Improvements Advisory Committee?

PIAC's primary function is to solicit citizen input and make recommendations regarding both the citywide and neighborhood portions of the capital budget. The PIAC are citizens who are appointed by each Council person, along with the Chair who is appointed by the Mayor. They serve two-year terms. PIAC holds a series of **public hearings** beginning in early summer. These hearings provide citizens with an opportunity to express their opinions, concerns and project requests regarding the forthcoming capital budget. PIAC makes recommendations concerning funds that comprise approximately 20% of Kansas City, Missouri's annual \$1B budget.

## What are examples of eligible PIAC projects and expenses?

Storm water drainage / flooding-bridges / streets /roadways- public property improvements - street improvements – municipal buildings improvements - community centers – street lighting / traffic lights - curbs and gutters – park facility improvements – monuments / fountains – ball fields / swimming pools.

## Will these projects automatically happen in my community if I don't apply?

NO! While city departments do apply for funds to complete these types of projects, there is no guarantee that they will be focused on your block during any given year or that they will even be funded. If you want to increase your chances of receiving these basic services, you should consider applying.

## Who can apply for PIAC funds?

Any Kansas City, Missouri resident or any organization working on an eligible project in Kansas City, Missouri can apply.

## Does applying guarantee that my project will be funded?

NO! There is absolutely no guarantee. PIAC is comprised of thirteen citizens. Each district only has two votes. But there are ways you can help us help you.

## What can I do to increase the chances of my request getting funded?

### *Collaborate on Projects.*

Instead of submitting many small projects separately, collaborate with your neighborhood or community members partners to create larger projects.

### *Leverage Resources.*

PIAC assigns higher priority to projects that only partially rely on PIAC funding. Find ways to demonstrate other sources of funding.

### *Demonstrate Viability.*

PIAC prefers to fund projects that have a high chance of being completed. Be prepared to demonstrate how you will follow through with the project so that PIAC funds are not contributing to slow or delayed projects.

### *Prioritize Projects.*

Decide in advance which projects are the most crucial and concentrate on those. If you are submitting many projects, prioritize them.

### *Come to Neighborhood Hearings.*

Speak directly to the PIAC representatives at the public hearings. To see the current hearing schedule, go to: <http://www.kcmo.gov/piac>

### *Dream Big.*

Once you have decided on a collaborative, leveraged, viable project, ask for everything that you want in that project realizing that you might not get it all.

### *Apply, Apply, Apply.*

PIAC funds can be applied to many things and if we don't make a request for our needs, we have no way of serving our community effectively.

## Where can I find more information about PIAC, the process and the application?

<http://www.kcmo.gov/piac>

For more information, contact the Capital Improvements Program at  
816-513-8828 or [PIAC@kcmo.org](mailto:PIAC@kcmo.org).

# PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PIAC)

## Process Timeline

APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:  
Aug. 31

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

### COST ESTIMATES

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

**Step 1:** Neighborhood hearings held in each district to hear requests.



**Step 2:** PIAC holds committee meetings to review the Citywide Capital Improvements Plan and GO KC Bond Plan.



### REVIEW

### BUDGET ADOPTION

### NOTICES SENT

DECEMBER

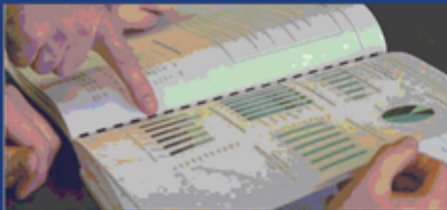
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FEB.

MARCH

APRIL

**Step 3:** City Council and PIAC Representatives meet to look over applications and cost estimates from December to January.



**Step 4:** The Mayor and City Council adopt the City Budget the 4th Thursday in March.



**Step 5:** OMB will send out funded and not funded correspondence in April.



### FUNDED

### DESIGN & PLANNING

### CONSTRUCTION

MAY

**Step 6:** Budget approved May 1. Funds are available to start the project.



**Step 7:** Engineer review and design of conceptual design, then preliminary design and then right-of-way plans.



**Step 8:** Construction can take anywhere from 3 months to 2 years depending on the scope of the project.

