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## Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development Announces Multi-Neighborhood Strategic Corridor Designations

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Last spring, Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development (PPND) released an RFP to community organizations inviting them to submit an application for designation as a Multi-Neighborhood Strategic Corridor. A Corridor was defined as a street or a seam between neighborhoods which if fully developed, could provide multiple neighborhoods with market opportunities such as connections to jobs, housing commerce and amenities.

In response to the RFP, PPND received six applications from community organizations across The City of Pittsburgh. After careful consideration, PPND selected three areas to be designated as multi-neighborhood strategic corridors.

Congratulations to the newly designated strategic corridors:

- **The Uptown Corridor**, *submitted by Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, in partnership with Uptown Partners and Hill House Economic Development Corporation.* The Uptown Corridor links multiple significant neighborhoods from West Oakland to Downtown. The corridor stretches from the Boulevard of the Allies to Centre Avenue via Kirkpatrick and Dinwiddie Streets in Hill District and the Crosstown Boulevard Downtown to Craft Avenue in Oakland.
- **The East End Corridor**, *submitted by the East End Partnership of Pittsburgh through the Lawrenceville Corporation.* The East End Corridor is a large scale corridor area containing a variety of neighborhoods and including several high impact opportunities. The corridor is defined by the Allegheny River to the north, the Port Authority's East Busway to the south, the Doughboy Square to the west and Penn Circle to the east.
- **The Allegheny City Corridor**, *submitted by the North Side Leadership Conference.* The Allegheny City corridor represents a large scale and heavily traveled corridor area connecting 10 of the 15 North Side neighborhoods, running through 6 of those neighborhoods and serving as the front entrance to 4 of the communities.

The designated corridors are eligible to apply for pre-development grant money that was raised specifically for this purpose. Pre-development grants can be used for activities such as market analysis, feasibility analysis, architectural and engineering services, legal costs and options among many others. Designation of these three strategic corridors is for two years with a possible renewal for a third year.

In a separate action PPND awarded \$25,000 to the **SMART Corridor** (South Metro Area Revitalization thru Transit), *submitted by Mount Washington Community Development Corporation* to provide a local match to help fund a State TRID (Transit Revitalization Investment District) planning grant.

PPND hopes that the implementation of the Multi-Neighborhood Strategic Corridor Program will increase the ability of CDC's to deliver dramatic positive change based upon market opportunities across neighborhoods as well as incite the thinking and implementation of multi-neighborhood community development. PPND President, Ellen Kight states, "We are looking forward to the exciting and catalytic work that lies ahead within this newly created multi-neighborhood corridor program." For more information on PPND, please visit [www.ppnd.org](http://www.ppnd.org).