

Request for Proposals



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA
Institute for Quality Communities

OU Institute for Quality Communities (IQC)

Established in 2008, the University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities (IQC) offers conceptual design and planning assistance from the OU College of Architecture.

IQC Assistance Projects

Community assistance projects are a collaborative effort between IQC and representatives from communities in Oklahoma. Projects provide conceptual design and planning assistance. Common topics include land use, urban design, public spaces, historic preservation, streetscapes, and other aspects of the built environment.

View example projects at iqc.ou.edu.

Project Partners

Community partners are typically governments, non-profits, or community groups. Most projects will include community engagement efforts to gather input from the public.

Project Formats

Projects range from a 1-day site visit with a follow-up report to semester-long collaborations with several meetings and a plan document.

Project Teams

Project teams are led by IQC staff or faculty in the OU College of Architecture, and team members consist of graduate assistants in the IQC office or students in classrooms and design studios.

Questions?

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Proposal Instructions

Please respond to the following questions to provide an overview of your community, site, and project proposal. You may include additional information, photographs, graphics, or maps. The IQC team may contact you for additional details. If your proposal is accepted, the IQC team will work with community partners to further develop a scope of work, timeline, and estimate of cost.

1. Primary Contact: List the contact information, organization, and title for the primary contact.
2. Project Partners: Describe the role or mission of the primary project partner(s) in the community.
3. Partnerships: Include 3-5 brief statements of support for the project from partners or residents within the community.
4. Site: Describe the area or specific site where the project will take place.
5. Need: Describe the challenges of the site or the needs that could be addressed by conceptual design assistance.
6. Funding and Resources: Describe available funding or background resources identified to support the project.
7. Impact: Describe the potential impact of this project for the community.

** Project costs vary depending on scope, generally ranging between \$1,500 and \$25,000. Funding assistance may be available. IQC may determine to waive project costs for a community based on need. Background resources that may help the IQC team include data, background information, and related prior efforts. (GIS, AutoCAD, documentation, previous planning efforts, etc.)*

Oklahoma Municipal League Matching Funds



An opportunity to receive matching funds is available through the Oklahoma Municipal League. To apply for matching funds, include a letter of support from a city staff member or elected official. Visit oml.org for more information.

Submission Instructions

Submit your proposal in electronic format to umander@ou.edu by February 15, 2018.

Selection Criteria and Timeline for Projects in July-December 2018

Assistance projects are selected based on their fit with the OU College of Architecture's current curricula, student learning objectives, and timelines. IQC strives to include communities with a mix of population sizes and geographic locations.

Proposal Workshop* January 10, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Gould Hall Gallery - 830 Van Vleet Oval
Norman, Oklahoma
RSVP to umander@ou.edu.

Proposals Due February 15, 2018

Notification of Selection March 30, 2018

** Attendance at the workshop is not required.*

Contact Hope Mander at umander@ou.edu for inquiries.