

PUBLIC SPACE ENHANCEMENT MINI-GRANTS

IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUILT ENVIRONMENTS CAN HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY,^{1,2,3} SOCIAL COHESION,^{4,5,6,7} MENTAL HEALTH,⁸ AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION.^{9,10}

Starting in 2020, Clean Air Council’s pedestrian advocacy project, Feet First Philly, and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health’s Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention teamed up to offer annual Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grants of \$500 to \$2000.

These Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grants fund projects that:

**IMPROVE SAFETY
& WALKABILITY**

**INVEST IN DISINVESTED
COMMUNITIES**

**BOLSTER RESIDENT-LED
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

TO DATE, 53 PUBLIC SPACE ENHANCEMENT MINI-GRANTS HAVE PROVIDED OVER \$100,000 TO 46 ORGANIZATIONS.

Outcomes have included:



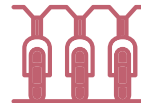
**22 COMMUNITY
GREENSPACES CREATED
OR ENHANCED**



**11 CROSSWALKS
OR SIDEWALKS
IMPROVED**



**7 PUBLIC ART
INSTALLATIONS
MOUNTED**



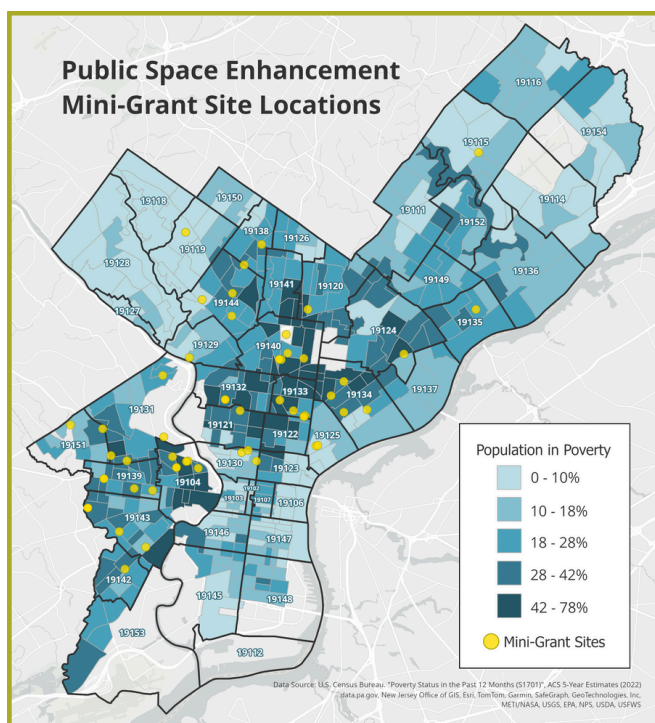
**7 BIKE RACKS
PLACED**



**4 LIGHTING OR OTHER
SAFETY FEATURES
INSTALLED**

Many of the mini-grant projects serve multiple purposes. For example, bike rack placements not only encourage sustainable and active transportation but also introduce fun design to a commercial corridor, or prevent cars from parking on sidewalks outside an elementary school.

Clean Air Council provides extensive technical assistance to grantees, from tools for creating budgets to information around securing permits.



**[HTTPS://FEETFIRSTPHILLY.ORG/PUBLIC-SPACE-ENHANCEMENT-MINI-GRANT-2](https://feetfirstphilly.org/public-space-enhancement-mini-grant-2)
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Public Space Enhancement Mini-Grants prioritize projects that are led by historically underserved communities, have broad public benefit, are accessible to a wide range of users, enhance safety, and are feasible to implement in a six-month period. Proposals from zip codes with high rates of poverty and/or high rates of gun violence, and proposals that neighbor the High Injury Network (streets that see the most traffic crashes and injuries) receive priority consideration.

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