

Project Idea Cluster Name	Project Idea Cluster Description + Rubric Criteria Evaluation
BEAUTIFICATION MURALS/FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITY MURAL/LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED THROUGH ART (SERIES)	<p>Description: Mural walls throughout D6 highlighting important areas throughout D6 at locations such as libraries, fire station 6, etc. These murals would help uplift local artists and improve the identity of D6. In particular, a mural that elevates the dedication of first responders is prioritized. Need: Filling the need of a permanent fixture that shows through appreciation for first responders. Impact: This would have a positive impact on first responders because they would know they are appreciated within the community. 3rd Party Involvement: Locals artists, UNM, public community involvement. Sign construction installment and pointers for mural. Community Building: This would rally community support around first responders. Equity: This advances equity by acknowledging and appreciating first responders. Feasibility: Yes. Critical Design Element: Glow in the dark paint. Description: Public art that would provide education surrounding local civic engagement opportunities that empowers folks to see how local government works, especially for a geographically specific location by illustrating all the different districts, zoning, precincts, and political boundaries overlapping there. Ideally located at bus stops. Mode as a mosaic or embossed because paint fades. Also possible illustration of government functions. Need: lack of education about local government processes. Primary Impact: Inform and empower voters and folks of all ages and legal statuses how the systems around them work. Negative Impact: Possible more confusion and/or vandalism target. Secondary Impact: Community building, citizenship, folks feeling they can have a say, art appreciation. 3rd Party Involvement: Artists working with public transit. Feasibility: scalable, adjustable (1-10?) Murals as a continual educational, beautifying, empowering narrative.</p>
THREE-WAY STOP & 2ND STREET LIGHT @ WASHINGTON AND ZUNI	<p>Description: Three-way stop and adding an additional street light. Need: On both the east and west sides of Washington, there are no street lines or speed humps to help slow down traffic. There have been four accidents there. It's addressing the safety of residents, families, elderly, children, individuals w/ disabilities, students, etc. Also, the safety for homes and businesses. There is a need to support the safety of community members in the area walking between the church, store, Chinese Cultural Center, and Highland High School. Needs to keep people safe when using the intersection at night. Impact: Would be positive. The intersection would be well lit and just having a three way stop, already makes the area safe for pedestrians and safe for homes, vehicles, and businesses. 3rd Party Involvement: None needed. Community Building: It makes the community feel more at ease that their streets are safer. Equity: This allows people to feel more safe walking their dogs, taking a job, children playing outside, students walking home. Feasibility: Yes, it's feasible.</p>
GROWERS MARKET AT THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARY	<p>Description: Planting trees and integrating a growers market program. This would involve planting trees that would not only provide shade and oxygen over a longer period of time, but also setting the stage for a growers market. Maybe, once a week nearby gardens can gather their crops and bring and set up a growers market at the ID Library parking lot. While this growers market is happening, there can be a showcase of artwork happening inside the library making it a community event/gathering. Growers Market: Need: It's addressing the need of food at a fair price point to offer low income families. It is also supporting both local gardeners and artists. Food Access is limited in this neighborhood. Need to increase access to good food. The market would be within walking distance for a lot of people to come and enjoy Impact (Primary): People will have access to food, farmers can sell their food. It would provide a place for the community to come together. Secondary/Indirect Impact: Need farmers to tend gardens. Would most likely need to be a seasonal program and couldn't go year round. 3rd Party Involvement: Planters, gardeners, farmers, artists. Community Building: Community farmers market and gardens bring people families and the surrounding neighborhood together. Local artists have a highly accessible location to sell their art. Equity: This increases equity by increasing food and art accessibility in the neighborhood. Feasibility: Yes it can be done.</p>
FIVE BLOCKS FOR LIFE	<p>Description: This proposal is designed to build an environment that is more accessible, beautiful, and safe in the 5 blocks surrounding Wilson Middle School. Student, families, staff, and neighbors will begin to see that their historically underinvested community is finally receiving investments they deserve and as a result this will help foster community relations. This is designed to be a model for all the schools throughout District 6. A series of improvements: analyze and install cross walks are needed, add trash cans, install adequate lighting, plant community garden(s), install "one stop shop" safety boxes, install zebra stripes at the San Pedro Library crossing, repair and improve sidewalks to be ADA compliant, design art projects, and plant more trees which will lower the temperature in the community. Community Building: The projects above will allow community members to participate in creating beautiful spaces in which to enjoy together. We know that when communities are invested in in these ways, crime decreases, environments are improved and families thrive. Feasibility: The city has demonstrated similar efforts in more affluent areas and we believe these projects can be implemented by 2027.</p>

<p>D6 BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT</p>	<p>Description: One component of this project is to 1) connect, refurbish and build a foundational bike lane infrastructure connecting D6 from Wyoming to UNM. This project would improve accessibility, sustainability, cultivating bike culture, and support transit dependent community. At the core, the current Lead/Zuni bike lanes will be repaired and connected. North/South lanes will be connected, prioritizing San Pedro and Louisiana. Also recommended are Wyoming and Yale. Also recommended is a protected bike lane on Copper. Another option is to cluster Central/Nob Hill bike lanes and/or ExpoNM bike lanes. Paths will be painted green, and concrete borders placed in busy and dangerous areas. Also possible is lighting, native plants, and cultural/art stops that tell the history of the area. Also could include parklets with water and shower facilities. Another component of this project is creating 2) Bike Blvds. complete with artistic bike racks, cultural kiosks, parklets, and public showers/hygiene/topics along the route(s). Need: Safe and well-coordinated biking options for a wide variety of biking sub-groups. Primary Impact (Direct): Increased coordination among bike lanes and easier access for bikers, much like the rail trail connected by parklets. This would not only be valuable for cyclists, but would improve overall safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike. Primary Negative Impact: Less lanes/smaller sidewalks. Secondary Impact (Positive): More bike lanes encourages new cyclists so public health will go up from exercise and less use of fossil fuels. Secondary Impact (Negative): Car tend to use bike lanes as lanes so crashes may be more likely. 3rd Party Involvement: Construction workers. Also potential for coordinating larger scale bike rides with community groups (such as Critical Mass). Community Building: This project creates a "backbone" across a broad geographic area, it also helps bring together various sub-groups of bicylists (especially at the hubs and other nodes along the routes). Equity: This project continues to support lower usage of cars, specifically residents in Nob Hill, and gives cyclists the same benefits as pedestrians. For the Expo, this project will make travel throughout not only the District, but also connecting to other Districts around the City. It would connect lower income neighborhoods to Coronado Mall, the Expo, and going full circle, Nob Hill. Feasibility: This, especially the Expo, is a rather small ask as there are already bike lanes on San Pedro and Louisiana that end at the Expo. Bike lanes tend to take less than a year to construct. Evaluation: This project solidifies Albuquerque as a bikeable city which is very important to me as well as cyclists, rather it be for exercise or transportation purposes. Most university towns are highly bikeable so Nob Hill bike lanes are almost a necessity, and with the high pedestrian population around the Expo, Expo bike lanes are as well.</p>
<p>PUBLIC RESTROOM/HYGIENE PROJECT</p>	<p>Description: Public restrooms at the ID Library/Park or attached to ABQ Ride redline/greenline bus stops on median so a transit officer can keep things fair for accessing the bathroom. The officer can close restrooms when bus stops are running for the day. This is to present those that are using drugs from taking control and abusing this privilege. Need: Over 25 proposals identified public restrooms as a need. This updated proposal combines elements of these other proposals and requests for a series of public bathrooms be made available (ideally self-cleaning, composting) with a central hub at the ID Library (this one would also include a shower and/or heating/cooling station and/or water fountain). Public restrooms serve all community members, not only the unhoused, so connecting the ID Library hub visually to additional units throughout the ID (parks, along Central, etc.) and trash cans is also important. Dignity, sanitation, personal safety, equity. Impact: Primary positive impact is giving community members a place to go when needed. Positive impacts will be available without being told "no" - cleaner neighborhoods, less exposure. Secondary/indirect impact: Could become unsanitary, if not cared for. Potential negative impact is that it could be misused/abused. Abusing this privilege, breaking sink, toilet handle, stealing toilet paper. 3rd Party Involvement: Solid design to start then maintenance - daily at least or self-cleaning. If located at bus stops, transit officers and CABQ cleaning crew in early mornings to stock up. Community Building: Builds culture of care for all citizens. Takes municipal responsibility for giving all citizens a place to safely go to the bathroom. Equity: Yes. Feasibility: Yes, make a design that is scalable, potentially a few designs (self-cleaning toilet or shower/toilet/trash or just trash). All can be connected through design.</p>

<p>MUTUAL AID HUB/ONE STOP SHOP</p>	<p>Description: This is a project that can include a commercial kitchen (not just a meal service program), food pantry donation library, showers, laundry, community garden, grey water to water trees, composting toilets (can use year long compost for fruit trees), fruit trees, storage for perishables, and one-stop shops outside of the main facility. This space could serve as a true third place. Need: Food security/desert is a major issue in D5. This project would meet the various needs of unhoused individuals and help the community by providing centralized resources instead of decentralized health hazards. This could also serve students without good access to food. This would also lower costs associated with transporting/procuring food. Impact: The true value of offering comprehensive food/services in one building can't be understated. This would help foster local food producers and improve self-sufficiency. This would also support local farmers. Negative Impact: Some people might feel that the centralized location might attract more unhoused individuals to the neighborhood in which it is located (NYMBLism). 3rd Party Involvement: There is already a coalition of mutual aid groups ready to take on the third party involvement needed to run such a facility. Key participants needed included cooks, cleanup crews, etc. Community Building: This building could connect informal mutual aid entities, non-profits, unhoused individuals, and the community at large. Community meals/potlucks would be great for bringing people together. Equity: Mutual aid is meant to be an equitable service by definition and this proposal has the benefit of multiple already established mutual aid groups ready to use the space. This would improve the lives of those who are most vulnerable. Feasibility: Potential location - south of Central inbetween Washington and Broadway. Another idea is to buy a building in the University Heights area.</p>
<p>EAST CENTRAL ACTIVATION</p>	<p>Part 1: ADA Sidewalks and Bulbouts on Central Between Louisiana and Wyoming. Description: On Central between Louisiana and Wyoming, create ADA sidewalks and bulbouts to enhance pedestrian safety. Trees can be planted in the new sidewalk space. This may require a lane reduction and studies. This would be an expensive project but would address safety needs in a very dangerous street. Need: None currently listed. Impact: None currently listed. Community Building: None currently listed Equity: None currently listed. Feasibility: None currently listed. Part 2: Trees, medians, and lights on Central from Washington to Eubank. Description: Trees, medians, and lights on Central from Washington to Eubank. Need: Heat mitigation, night time safety, and beautification. Impact: Creates safer, more welcoming environment and possibly attracts new business. 3rd Party Involvement: City Parks and Recreation Department on the City side and community members who might participate in an "Adopt a Median Program" Community Building: Demonstrating that residents and business owners care about their neighborhood and are valued members of their community. Equity: Creates more accessible public space, improves safety in underinvested stretches of Central, and allows community to take pride in their project. Feasibility: Probable.</p>
<p>ONE STOP SAFETY BOX</p>	<p>Description: One-stop shop benches would provide safety and aid to those who sign-up through ACS, while also providing other necessities such as charging station (outlets), lighting in parks, sleeping bench, emery phone that could contact 911, drinkable water, little free libraries, little free pantries, and/or packed vending food. These benches should be designed in a way that is welcoming to people living on the streets (as compared to defensive architecture). Additionally, the benches and surrounding space might include artistic elements that are locally/historically relevant (ex. modeling off of Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless' honorary tiles.) One-stop shop benches would be surrounded by existing trees or newly planted trees and surrounded by pedestrian-level lighting (bollards). One-stop shop benches would be located in parts of the District where the heat island effect is most intense. One-stop shop benches and other surrounding amenities should be integrated into existing community centers, near parks, near libraries, or within bus stops. One-stop shop benches should serve as an "anchor" for creating true "third places" where anyone and everyone is welcome. Need: There are not enough public spaces where people living outside can just "be." There are also not enough spaces where people living outside have the opportunity to easily mingle with people who live in the neighborhood but pass through the area on their way to work, school, etc. The heat island effect is worse in District 6 than anywhere else in Albuquerque and these one-stop shop benches with surrounding trees/shade could help address this environmental issue as well. Positive Impact: One stop shop benches would support community members who are living outside, while giving ACS a way to track the need efficiently of those who use it. These one-stop shop benches would make the District cooler, more beautiful, more socio-economically diverse/interactive. Negative Impact: The bench could be abused and utilized for illegal and/or nefarious activities. This is why the space needs to have frequent/variety of programming to keep "natural surveillance." 3rd Party Involvement: No "operator" is needed, but ACS and other street outreach providers could use this as a space for distributing resources and offering services. Trees NM and City Parks and Recreation would be involved for nurturing the space surrounding the bench. Community Building: The project could create a true third place, where there is no cost to entry and people can mingle, while also taking a break from the elements. Equity: People from all walks of life could use this space, even though it is designed more for those who most in need/most vulnerable. Feasibility: This is a small, targeted, potentially incremental project/investment that can be scaled to other parts of the District.</p>

