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JORDAN PARK
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# Study Area - Jordan Park

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STUDY AREA - JORDAN PARK
RATIONAL

Jordan Park is a Westside recreational space situated in the Glendale and Poplar Grove neighborhoods that serves the Salt Lake Valley in multiple ways. It is a convergence point for the Jordan River Parkway, the newly established 9-Line Trail, the International Peace Gardens, and the Jordan River waterway. The park itself is 33.5 acres, with amenities that include pavilions, sand volleyball, horse shoe pits, an off-leash dog park, a skate park, as well as other recreational facilities for multiple age groups and abilities.

The Westside Studio class, in collaboration with community members, University Neighborhood Partners, the Sorenson Unity Center and citizens involved in the Poplar Grove Community Council, has identified Jordan Park as an underutilized facility. Because there is interest in revitalizing the park, an analysis of its benefits and hindrances are summarized in the following report. Key priorities have been identified, including refurbishing/repurposing buildings, providing lighting, improving infrastructure, and creating more community involvement opportunities.

The West-side Studio created a guiding document that highlights characteristics of the park and points out steps to overcome possible barriers to improvement. Beyond identifying needs and goals, the studio identifies funding sources for meeting the financial needs of the park’s rehabilitation, as well as people in the community who are sources of knowledge and experience for carrying out future project goals.

This guiding document is a way to focus efforts of subsequent groups who work on park improvements by providing pre-identified community priorities. Early in the process, it was determined that without a compilation of previous groups’ work many steps would continue to be repeated. Progress would be slowed, and community faith and support would be impacted negatively as a result. This documentation will jumpstart future efforts, beyond the data gathering phase and toward the production of on-the-ground results. The community surrounding the park is diverse and young and would greatly benefit from an improved park.

By focusing efforts on Jordan Park and its surrounding amenities, previous projects can be further tied together. These efforts include “Gateways” to the community, one of which is the corridor under I-15 along 900 South, which is bordered by the 9-Line Trail leading to Jordan Park. The importance of gateways is outlined in the West Salt Lake Master Plan, which subsequently identifies the same corridor as an asset to the community. Community outreach as part of the
Master Plan document indicated that residents wanted the following to happen:

- West Salt Lake should be recognized as a safe place.
- The Jordan River Parkway is currently underutilized and should be better used.
- Gateways into the community should be more attractive and distinctive.
- Key intersections throughout Glendale and Poplar Grove should be developed.

These insights were further supported by door knock surveys that were conducted by this semester’s studio. In October 2013, four groups of students spoke with the residents on the East border of Jordan Park (between 900 W and 800 W, and between 900 S and Fremont Ave), skaters at Jordan Park, church goers during a local Halloween celebration, and people at the Sunday Anderson Westside Senior Center. All participants were asked the same questions:

- Do you use Jordan Park? How? When?
- If no, what would change your interest in the park?
- What do you like/dislike about the park?
- Thinking specifically about the abandoned pool house building:
  - What would you like to see here?
  - Could you envision skate/bike/coffee shop?
- Comments?

Those persons responding to the survey had a variety of responses, from the majority saying “put something there” to the minority wanting the building removed and turned into green space. A majority of surveys indicated the need/desire for recreational facilities and food options for the neighborhood and park users. With this information, the studio moved toward a proposal of saving the building, bringing attention to the site, and designing options for its repurposing as a community amenity and gateway to the park and the Jordan River Parkway.
HISTORY

The Jordan River
The Jordan River, a 50-mile north-flowing waterway, flows through Utah and Salt Lake Counties. The Salt Lake Valley was first settled in 1847 by early Mormon pioneers. Over the years, population increased and the river’s banks were flanked by industries, especially along sections in urban areas. In the 1940’s and 50’s, the baby-boom, reasonably priced housing, and bigger house plots led to development of the neighborhoods like Poplar Grove, Rose Park, and Fair park. As the neighborhoods developed some areas of the river were dedicated to open spaces. Among those, Jordan Park, is one of the popular green spaces that exist in West Salt Lake City.

Jordan Park
Jordan Park, located at 1060 S 900 W, is 33.5 acres of green space on the Jordan River. It is operated by Salt Lake City Parks Department and is home to the International Peace Gardens, an off-leash dog park, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and an outdoor skate park.

International Peace Gardens
The Salt Lake City Council of Women established the International Peace Gardens in Jordan Park in 1947. With the intent of honoring the world’s cultural diversity and fostering friendship and peace among all countries, the garden plots represent 26 nations of the world.

Skate Park Complex
Jordan Park includes one of the oldest skate parks in Salt Lake City. It was created in 1994-95 to replace the former swimming pool which no longer served its purpose. With the rise of the skate park’s popularity, the City Council, with encouragement of the skaters’ association of the neighborhood, decided to undertake the conversion. As part of the improvements, California sculptor Robert Ellison created the Tweek360 art to adorn a site in the skate park. The site has been very popular with local skaters since its opening.

An old photo of a family enjoying the Jordan Swimming Pool on 2nd July 1957

Source:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/eyespeye/with/399577369/ as accessed on 4 December 2013
CURRENT CONDITIONS

Jordan Park
While there are many amenities located in and around the park, they need better connectivity among uses. For example, the park currently lacks a continuous trail within its border or one connecting seamlessly with the 9-Line and the Jordan Parkway Trail. Furthermore, interrupted sidewalks and proper lighting and signage limit the possibilities of the park. Walkways and recreational facilities are poorly lit, if at all, and poor signage internally and on the park’s perimeter fails to accentuate major features of the park, ultimately failing to showcase the wonderful assets within this Westside jewel to passers-by.

International Peace Gardens
Over time, the International Peace Gardens has suffered from vandalism and deterioration, and many of the special native plants transplanted from other countries have not survived Utah’s extreme climate. There has been a movement in the last several years to restore the garden to its original vision, and local citizens have banded together to make sure that happens. Today the park is adorned with local varieties of colorful plants. An ongoing tradition of spelling out the names of other nations in a floral array has continued.

Skate Park Complex
Unfortunately, the pool house was not part of the repurposing of the swimming pool and was left unused and abandoned. The skate bowls are currently well used by the skate community; however, there is visible aging and wear on the facility, including vandalism. The site lacks year-round bathrooms and water or “above basic” services, such as food and refreshments. Input from the surveyed community indicates that the park is well used by the skater demographic, but it fails to serve both younger children and older adults.
STUDY AREA AND PARK ASSETS

Assets of Jordan Park

- Location: 1060 South, 900 West, Salt Lake City
- Total acreage: 33.5 acres

Park Amenities:
- Pavilions
- Tables
- Fireplaces
- Sand volleyball
- Playgrounds
- Tennis court
- Horseshoe pits
- Softball fields
- International Peace Garden
- Restrooms (seasonal)
- Off leash area
- No water hook up
- Drinking fountain
There are no concession stands in the park or nearby neighborhood coffee shops, making this a good location for a future small business that can be visible to 900 West and park users.

- The Bicycle Transit Center is about 1.8 miles from the pool house and is the closest bike specialty store; it offers bike rentals and tuning.
- Walmart is the closest retail center that sells bikes and accessories. It is about 1.3 miles away but is on the east side of the freeway and access is not pedestrian friendly.
- Jordan Park has no services or shops and is used by skaters, bikers, and runners on a daily basis, making it a good location for a small business.
Traffic
Around Jordan Park, there are three streets that service the park: 900 West, 800 South, and California Avenue. Both 800 South and California Avenue connect people who travel from east to west. 900 West borders the skate park on the east side and carries considerable traffic volume for a local street. This traffic is both a positive and a negative while the increased traffic provides visibility, the size and capacity of 900 West also prevents ease of access by pedestrians and bicyclists.

Currently, 900 West has two lanes on both sides and no bike lanes. There are three pedestrian crosswalks that lead to the park, but they are not controlled by lights and the overall length of the street and the speed of traffic make it unsafe to cross.
Chapter 2

GOALS AND VISIONS

JORDAN PARK PROGRAM

Vision

- Make Jordan Park a clear gateway to the Jordan River Parkway and the International Peace Gardens.
- Increase city connectivity, highlighting linkages to both the Jordan River Parkway and the 9 Line Trail.
- Create a welcoming atmosphere at the park entrance.
- Create a place that is walkable, livable, and safe for all ages.

Goals

- Involve community members to create permanent artwork on the park sidewalks between the International Peace Garden and Jordan River.
- Improve the gateway into Jordan Park.
- Improve Jordan Park signs to include amenities and way-finding for Jordan River Parkway and 9 Line Trail users.
- Improve lighting along new and existing trails.
- Slow adjacent traffic by reducing lanes on 900 West and allocating space for on-street parking and bike lanes.
- Develop a new trail that connects 900 West to the existing Jordan River Parkway and goes directly through the park.

Background Information

Jordan Park currently is home to a skate park, the International Peace Garden, an off-leash dog park, softball fields, and other general park amenities. It is also connected to the Jordan River Parkway and 9-Line Trail, both of which could bolster the number of park users through increased connectivity. The concept of creating a more connected, walkable and environmentally friendly place is the focus of the Jordan Park site plan. Additionally, the skate park and former pool house are examined as part of the overall site plan. When considered as a whole, this collection of resources results in a vastly underused local and regional amenity and provides great possibility for improvement.
Study Area Plan Goals

Goal 1: Community Artwork/Way-finding
Involve community members to create artwork on the trail surfaces that provides people with directions to park amenities and events and nearby trails, including the Jordan River Parkway and 9Line Trail. There could also be starting points for runners, so they know how far they are running or walking along the trails.

Goal 2: Welcoming Atmosphere
Improve the entry to the park through better utilization of the skate park building facade.

Goal 3: Park Signs
Improve signage by providing way finding and highlighting the full range of park amenities in an obvious manner to make park users fully aware of what the park provides. Bring the sign on the south side of the park closer to the street in addition to adding a list of park amenities located in that area. Currently, the sign is pushed too far back, next to a parking lot and dumpster, and is not very visible.

Attractive sign example 1

Signage for the dog park consists of a list of rules, and is not visible to most park users. Additional simplified signs would be helpful.
Goal 4: Lighting
Adding more lighting throughout the park will improve safety and visibility. More lighting along new and existing trails will make the park more welcoming.

Current lighting misplaced in open spaces that serve no purpose. Lighting is related with the park safety issues directly. It can change the image of the Jordan park and also proper lighting can give vibrant atmosphere to park users. Moreover, the lighting can prevent the possible crime within the park area.

Goal 5: Pedestrian Friendliness
Reduce traffic lanes on 900 West to slow traffic speeds, lower accident rates and increase vehicular service levels while subsequently accommodating on-street parking and much needed bike lanes. Currently, traffic on 900 West is heavy and unsafe for pedestrians crossing from adjacent neighborhoods. Reducing the number of lanes will help bring more pedestrians and bicyclists to the park and provide additional parking for the skate park and potential businesses located in the redesigned pool house building.
Goal 6: New Trails
Add new routes to existing sidewalks and trails throughout the park. The 9 Line Trail (north of the park) and the Jordan River Parkway Trail (west of the park) can connect to a new path within the park. Currently sidewalks in the park are disconnected and there is a lack of useable trails, as can be seen in the images below. A trail serving runners, walkers, and bicyclists within Jordan Park is much needed. Additionally, there could be markings on the trail showing distances and callouts for nearby park amenities.
Proposed Trail Plan

Seen here are three possible options for a new trail that would take users to all the different sections of the park. This enhancement would bring more traffic to each of the amenities throughout the park. Option 2 would connect park users to the existing 9 Line Trail. All three of the options use a section of the existing Jordan River Parkway. There are many possibilities for a new trail around the park.
SKATE PARK PROGRAM

Introduction
The Skate Park Program includes the repurposing and renovation of the skate park and the abandoned pool building. The abandoned pool house building at Jordan Park has been empty for many years, the inside and outside of the building has suffered vandalism and continues to be a labor and cost for the parks department and an eyesore for the neighborhood. In an attempt to correct this situation the Westside Studio in conjunction with University Neighborhood Partners, the Sorenson Unity Center, Poplar Grove and Glendale residents as well as their Community Councils are proposing a re-purposing of the building. A building that serves the community and remains occupied is less likely to be a target of vandalism and downturn.

Our vision for the Skate Park is to rehabilitate a local asset for which community members can relate to and can participate in a sense of owning the structure. The Skate Park should be a place where not only skaters and bikers but any community member can come and enjoy. It should be place where multi generational community can gather.

Current Building Condition
The abandoned building next to the skate park was previously used as the pump house, locker rooms and administrative offices to the former pool. The building is currently boarded up and, unfortunately, has suffered some vandalism both internally and externally. The building currently has no functional purpose.

Visions and Goals
The ultimate planning and design goal for the skate park is to increase use and enjoyment of this facility while connecting it to the rest of Jordan Park and a broader community. Building on ideas gathered from the surrounding community, the following ideas inform the skate park program

• Bring attention to the structure to further community engagement
• Include surrounding assets (Park, River, Trails, etc…) into the building redesign as a gateway to the broader area
• Represent the community and culture of the area in the redesign of the building
• Repurpose the building into an economically and socially valuable asset in the community

Keeping in mind the community’s vision and goals, and also time and budget realities the skate park program is divided into two Phases. Phase I involves the beautification of the façade and engaging the community in the near term, and Phase II involves proposals for long term renovation toward the permanent repurposing of the structure.
**Phase I – Building Mural**
1. Create a mural installation on the building’s exterior
   a. Incorporate locally generated/focused images
   b. Create a large format park map to create functionality
2. Involve the community in the design
   a. Create ownership and buy-in of the greater project
   b. Foster communication on future project goals

**Phase II – Building Redesign**
1. Repurpose the pool house building
   a. Open up the floor plan to allow seating and access
   b. Layout to include year round bathrooms, food venue, and bike/skate vendor
2. Create improved engagement area for younger children and older adults
   a. Install play structures and separate scooter park

   b. Provide a seating/viewing area for parents and less mobile spectators

3. Incorporate bicycle facilities
   a. Install bike racks/storage for patrons and park users

   b. Incorporate Bike Share station for short term rentals
**Chapter 3**

**Implementation**

**BUILDING MURAL WRAP**

**Background**
In an effort to create a sense of place, the facade of former pool house could be used for a community mural project. The mural is intended to include images developed by local youth, possibly including a map of the park, or providing a representation of a coffee shop that may eventually occupy the building. Since Jordan Park is somewhat confusing in its layout, it would be beneficial to have a map detailing the park and the location of the amenities within it. Although the building has previously been a target of tagging and vandalism, murals that are painted by local members of the community are far less susceptible to being vandalized than the building on its own.

**Barriers and Solutions**
The primary barrier to this project is funding. The Westside Studio and its partners have determined that the Community Improvement and Outreach Grant is the best funding source for this project since it provides a considerable amount of funding and requires community buy-in and fast implementation.

The design and repurposing of the building can be funded in a later stage through a CDBG grant. The building mural is a project that can be undertaken right way and the grant application for funding has been submitted.

Jon Price, Justin Jones and Michael Montalvo will teach a total of 40 bi-weekly art workshops at The Sorensen Unity Center. These workshops will include youth from Glendale Middle, Riley and Parkview Elementary schools and youth skateboarders who frequent the park. Youth art will be compiled in a public mural with the assistance of local artist Chris Peterson, painted by local youth and residents and installed at the Jordan Park Pool House skate facility. There is a grant application in process to pay for the artists’ time to guide the youth painting workshops. Funds, materials and labor will be donated by the community, University Neighborhood Partners, Sorenson Community Center and local businesses.

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ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND SIDEWALK PAINT

Background
The West Side Studio team has determined that there are two goals involved with the addition of signage and painting the sidewalks. For a person who does not frequent the Jordan Park, the layout of the park can be slightly misleading or confusing, and park assets may not be apparent. Second, a park visitor unfamiliar with the area may not know that the Jordan River Parkway or 9Line Trail is nearby. Way-finding “signage” painted on directly onto the sidewalks, especially between the pool building and the Jordan River Parkway, would help connect regional trail assets to the park.

Barriers
Since the additional signage and sidewalk walk signage are not physically a part of the pool building, the timing of the implementation for these two elements is not an issue. The availability of funds is certainly a barrier to implementing these two small, yet relatively important, infrastructure items. The Community Improvement and Outreach Grant program is likely the most appropriate funding source. Another potential barrier for this phase of the project is getting approval from Salt Lake City Corporation’s Parks and Public Land. An architect or landscape architect from this division typically reviews the designs.

Solutions
It would be best if a stakeholder within the community took ownership of this project and then pursued the appropriate grant for funds. We suggest that the stakeholders contact the Park’s Division early on, so that they can better coordinate the design patterns of the additional signage and sidewalk signage with city officials.
NEW LIGHTING

Background
After speaking with several users of Jordan Park, especially users of the skate park, it was discovered that users want park lighting around the skate park so they can skate longer into the evening during the winter months, when it gets darker much quicker. Furthermore, the park as a whole could benefit from more lighting, especially between the pool building and the entrance to the Jordan River Parkway. Lighting would better connect assets throughout the park and help position the park as a gateway to the Jordan River Parkway.

Barriers
The largest barrier for this project is the infrastructure required to place lighting between the pool building and the Jordan River Parkway entrance. Unlike the skate park, this infrastructure is nonexistent. Another potential barrier for adding lighting to the park is the public planning process. If the city was to propose such an item, they would most likely have to involve the public because of welfare concerns. Although, lighting can be useful for the park and the safety of park users, nearby residents may have a problem with increased evening use of the park. Lighting that is directed downward will not contribute to light pollution and may be more acceptable to adjacent neighbors, though it does not address concerns about increased evening use of the park.

Solutions
A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) grant is most suitable for this project. Since it can be used for infrastructure improvements in public spaces. Stakeholders interested in a lighting project should contact the Public Lands and Parks Division as well as the Salt Lake City Planning Division early on, and engage nearby residents in project exploration, planning, design and implementation. By establishing communication and collaboration early, consensus and a better understanding of the specific requirements can be achieved.

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900 WEST LANE REDUCTION

Background
In recent years, California Avenue between 700 West and 800 West was reduced from four lanes of traffic to two lanes with bike lanes. This has helped improve the flow of traffic and allowed on-street parking. A similar lane diet can be applied at 900 West along Jordan Park. This will increase safety for crossing pedestrians.

Barriers
A UDOT road, 900 West serves north and southbound traffic. Residents and daily commuters may be concerned about increased congestion if lanes are reduced.

Solutions
Showing the public the successes of California Avenue will help to increase support, as will highlighting potential benefits: safer street crossings, traffic noise reduction, on-street parking for the park, and bike lanes. Salt Lake City is already planning to reduce lanes.

NEW PARK TRAIL

Background
There are sidewalks in sections throughout the park; some connect and some do not. There is no main trail that could be used to bring runners from the 9 Line Trail or the Jordan River Parkway.

Barriers
The cost of fixing existing trails and adding more trails may not be in the budget. Some park users may not want more trails, fearing more lights and concrete.

Solutions
Bringing more foot traffic to the park will increase the likelihood of a business in the pool house. It will also increase the use of the other park amenities. Also, a marked trail may attract events such as marathons and charity walks/runs.
COFFEE SHOP/TACO STAND

Background
While interviewing park users and neighborhood residents, the team determined that many people wanted a food venue at the pool building. Many suggested a taco/burrito stand or a coffee shop. Others suggested that a simple concession stand during the People’s Market would benefit park visitors.

Barriers
The most significant barrier to a permanent food venue is the cost to remodel the pool building. Conservative estimates suggest that the remodeling of the pool building so that it is functional as a facility for serving food may cost roughly a quarter million dollars. Another barrier is determining specifically who uses the remodeled pool building and what they use it for. For instance, there could be a group who wants to use it only for simple concessions during the People’s Market, while a different user wants to use it as a coffee shop or taco stand, which may have more significant kitchen requirements (i.e. partial kitchen, full commercial kitchen). Additionally, obtaining an affordable lease and a business license may be another barrier to the implementation of the project.

Solutions
This phase of the project is linked closely to the actual remodel of the pool building. The remodeling should be completed in such a way that would allow for food services. CDBG grants may fund the remodel itself, which would allow the city to not be required to show a profit from the lease on the building. Moreover, if a small business was to occupy this space, then the Small Business Revolving Loan Program may also be applicable. Short term, the pool building area could accommodate a portable concession stand or taco cart. Longer term, a complete building remodel could accommodate a more elaborate kitchen facility.

Possible Stakeholders and Contact Information:
People’s Market (801) 448-6758 or marketmanager@slcpeoplesmarket.com

To apply for a business permit please contact Salt Lake City Licensing
http://www.slcgov.com/buslicense
BIKE SHARE, BIKE REPAIR STATION & BICYCLE COLLECTIVE

Background
While conducting our asset mapping and interviews with community members, we found that many people liked the idea of a GREENbike bike share stand (a program already implemented in some parts of Salt Lake City) or a bike repair station. The bike stand would include ten or so bicycles available for users at the swipe of a credit card. The goal is to connect the pool building to the recreational activities of the Jordan River Parkway. Building further on the facilitation of bicycles, a bike repair station is simply a rack that has lanyard tools for people to use to fix their bikes. Another option is a bike co-op, such as the Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective. The collective collects, stores, and repairs bikes that are eventually sold at discount to the public. A bike collective would require space in a portion of the pool building. Therefore, the remodel plans of the pool building would have to address the needs of a collective.

Barriers
The remodeling of the pool building would have to provide an area separate from the food venue to facilitate the storage of bicycles if a bike collective were implemented. Similar to the food venue barrier, funding a pool house remodeling project requires a large grant.

Solutions
The needs of bikers could be addressed without impacting the interior pool building program. A GREENbike share stand can simply be installed adjacent to the building, and a bike repair station can be affixed to its façade. If a bike collective is desired, any conflicts between the food vendor use and bike collective use will need to be resolved. If both groups can clearly identify their needs, both elements could be accommodated in remodel plans since the pool building is a relatively large space. Incorporating a bike collective would be linked to the overall CDBG program for the remodel of the pool building.

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IMPLEMENTATION

REMODELING OF POOL BUILDING

Background
Our asset mapping and conversations with the public revealed that anything done to improve pool building site would be appreciated by the neighborhood. A food venue and bike services is supported by the local community. Significant remodeling of the building is required to realize many program elements.

Barriers
Remodeling this building will require significant funds. A breakdown of the building components in need of remodeling and an estimate of the price are explained below in more detail:

- Preliminary Costs (Soft Estimates)
- General demolition and preparation $10,000
- Roof repair $20,000
- Heat Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) $20,000
- Electrical repairs/remodeling $15,000
- Plumbing and fixtures $10,000
- Bathroom renovations $20,000
- Kitchen fixtures and finishes $15,000
- General carpentry and finishes $30,000
- Painting $10,000
- Safety equipment and alarms $10,000
- Total $160,000

Construction Management Items
- Design fees $16,000
- Engineering and Project Management $8,000
- Contingency $20,000
- Grand total $204,000

*Suggested demolition: $35,000.00

Solutions
The CDBG program is the most suitable funding source for this project.

Possible Stakeholders and Contact Information:
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Grants and Application Information

Since there are so many moving parts to the projects outlined in this report, we wish to provide some implementation ideas. Funding is often the biggest issue, so we provide with information regarding the different types of grants Salt Lake City offers. Additionally, this chapter includes a breakdown of every project proposed, describing project goals, barriers to implementation, and possible solutions.

Grant Information

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Community Improvement and Outreach Grant
- Small Business Revolving Loan Fund

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

These federal funds are used to address local housing and community development needs. Eligible applicants include: non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, government agencies, community councils, and individuals requesting improvements. In order for a project to be eligible for CDBG funding, it must meet one of three national objectives and be an eligible activity. To meet the national objective, the project must benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevent or eliminate slum or blight, or meet urgent conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Eligible activities include acquisition and disposition of real property, public facility and infrastructure improvements, clearance activities, public services, housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance, micro-enterprise assistance, economic development, and planning activities.

For more information contact:
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
The definition of general fund capital improvements is as follows: Capital improvements involve the construction, purchase, or renovation of buildings, parks, streets, or other physical structures. A capital improvement must have a useful life of five or more years. It also must provide one of the following two elements: has a cost of $50,000 or more or satisfies the functionality of a capital asset. A capital improvement is not a recurring capital outlay item (such as a motor vehicle or a fire engine) or a maintenance expense (such as fixing a leaking roof or painting park benches). Acquisition of equipment is not a capital project unless it is an integral part of the capital project.


Small Business Revolving Loan Fund
The Salt Lake City Revolving Loan Fund's purpose is to stimulate business development and expansion, encourage private investment, promote economic development, and enhance neighborhood vitality in Salt Lake City by making low-interest loans available to businesses.

Loans are available for:
- New and existing businesses
- Starting, maintaining, and growing a business
- A business interested in relocating to Salt Lake City
- Businesses impacted by road construction
- Real estate related ventures
- Signage, retail presentation, display work
- Energy-efficient equipment upgrades and building retrofits

For application information contact (801) 535-7941 or neighborhoodgrants@slcgov.com. Information obtained from www.slcgov.com
Community Improvement and Outreach Grant

Salt Lake City has allocated $187,000 in grant funds for applications received by December 2nd 2013, for distribution by mid January 2014, submitted by local non-profits, neighborhood groups, and neighborhood business districts as part of the Community Improvement & Outreach Program. This program is designed to quickly and efficiently improve the quality of Salt Lake City’s communities and neighborhoods, with grant applicants being required to finalize all improvements within 120 days of award. With the help of residents and local organizations these funds can be used towards public safety projects, recreation projects, education projects, sustainability projects, neighborhood improvements, neighborhood-school partnerships, local project developments, and more.

Grants will be awarded in the following categories:

- Small Neighborhood Improvement Grants: $12,000 for grants to community organizations for smaller neighborhood projects with a maximum award of $2,000 each.
- Large Neighborhood Improvement Grants - $90,000 for grants to community organizations for larger neighborhood improvement projects with a maximum award of $10,000 each.
- Neighborhood Matching Grants: $65,000 for grants to community organizations for permanent physical improvement projects with a maximum award of $5,000 each.

All groups/persons awarded money will be required to match the City’s contribution with a one-to-one match of in-kind volunteer labor valued at $18.19 per hour and/or a cash match and show that they have at least 51% approval from the community they are serving.

For application information contact (801) 535-7712 or neighborhoodgrants@slcgov.com. Information obtained from www.slcgov.com