

Capital Improvement Plan

WHAT IS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)?

A capital improvement plan (CIP) is a community planning and fiscal management tool used to coordinate the location, timing and financing of capital improvements over a multi-year period – usually 4-6 years. Capital improvements refer to major, non-recurring physical expenditures such as land, buildings, public infrastructure and equipment. The CIP includes a description of proposed capital improvement projects ranked by priority, a year-by-year schedule of expected project funding, and an estimate of project costs and financing sources. The CIP is a working document and should be reviewed and updated annually to reflect changing community needs, priorities and funding opportunities.

IMPORTANCE OF A CIP

For a successful path in economic development, communities must understand their current infrastructure constraints and plan for future improvements. These plans help ensure that you are financially planning for future growth while coordinating efforts between communities and local economic development organizations.

A five-year capital improvement plan should contain individual capital projects ranging from economic development projects to community improvements. This plan can include potential construction schedules, estimated costs, and a budget-oriented savings plan.

INTRODUCTION

ISG will create five-year capital improvement plan for 16 communities, selected from across the state, to properly plan for large capital expenditures including infrastructure. They will set the stage for well-planned economic growth in these communities. The plans will be created in partnership with the city councils or their designees in each of the communities. The capital improvement plans for each site will consider all infrastructure including water, wastewater, natural gas, railroad, road, electric, and broadband internet infrastructure.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Population less than 5,000
- Does not have a current CIP or has an existing plan older than 4 years
- Identified matching funds with a letter of support from funding partners
- Must include letter of support from Economic Development Organization (Unless your community does not have one)
- Document stating why is this opportunity to create a new capital improvement plan important for your community