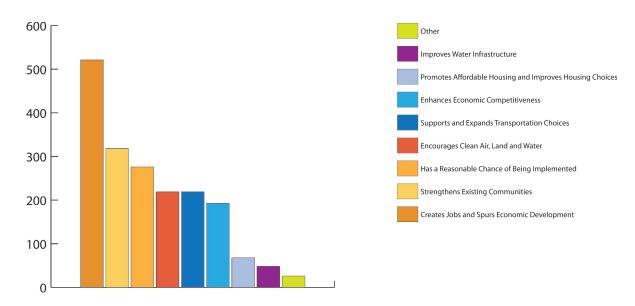


GRIP: Gary and Region Investment Project

GRIP Survey Results: Criteria



Comments from the survey:

Creates Jobs and Spurs Economic Development (521)

Improves access to job opportunities (at or above average living wages) Increases access to job training

Creates or expands existing commercial and industrial centers

Reuses existing brownfields and vacant property

- Provides or connects to public transit to jobs and education
- Non taxpayer funded
- Rebuilds local manufacturing
- Creates/attracts jobs consistent with 21st century goals (i.e technology, advanced manufacturing)
- Creates services and goods that bring outside money
- Retains existing business
- Serves as a catalyst for other projects
- Incorporates ex-offender re-entry/veteran programs
- Fosters entrepreneurship and innovation
- Creates/attracts jobs consistent with community goals

Strengthens Existing Communities (318)

Adds amenities near transit nodes

Develops mixed-use properties/sites

Makes use of existing infrastructure such as sewers, sidewalks and streetlights

- Capitalizes on natural assets
- Creates sense of place and fosters civic pride
- Provides supportive services
- Allows for social interaction/events in public spaces
- Removes blight
- Reduces crime/increases safety
- Utilizes Quality of Life Council's indicators

Has a Reasonable Chance of Being Implemented (276)

Has a strong likelihood to secure funding for implementation

Has attracted strong champions

- Has resident support and incorporates accountable, transparent decision-making
- Demonstrates return on investment
- Has a high level of business or institutional support

Encourages Clean Air, Land and Water (219)

Provides energy-efficient new construction and retrofitting of existing housing Expands transit options

Improves natural areas such as Marquette Park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Addresses needs of coastal communities

Expands areas of free public recreation to add cultural value to the region

- Does not deteriorate the environment/preserves green space
- Reuses industrial buildings
- Develops alternative energy
- Removes blight and expands the return of a natural environment
- Improves public health

Supports and Expands Transportation Choices (219)

Promotes viable alternatives to automobile ownership, including quality bus service, street cars, light rail, regional rail, ridesharing, bus rapid transit, bicycle and/or pedestrian pathways

Addresses needed investments in street, highway and transit infrastructure to support and complement those transportation choices with state-of-good-repair priorities

Decreases household transportation costs, reduces travel times

- Fosters transit-oriented development
- Increases commodity movement on freight

Enhances Economic Competitiveness (193)

Improves reliable and timely access to employment centers

Increases educational opportunities

Increases services and other basic worker needs

Expands business access to market

- Creates a highly visible-platform to share information to improve outsider perception of the region
- Utilizes public-private partnerships
- Provides economic incentives/tax deductions to revitalization
- Retains and attracts graduates
- Connects to Indianapolis
- Increases speed/access/capacity of digital infrastructure (broadband, Wi-Fi)
- Creates infrastructure to attract private business
- Trains students and workers for jobs in the 21st Century global information and innovation economy

Promotes Affordable Housing and Improves Housing Choices (68)

Creates quality housing options (homeownership and rental) for moderate and low-income households Expands energy-efficient housing stock, near jobs, to lower the combined costs of housing and transportation Rehabilitates existing properties

Creates new, quality development that is attractive to a range of incomes

- Establishes cooperative housing
- Addresses demographics needs like senior housing

Improves Water Infrastructure (48)

Promotes conservation through green infrastructure, rainwater harvesting, and grey water reuse Invests in water infrastructure to efficiently deliver clean drinking water and remove wastewater from the community Compact, infill development is prioritized over greenfield development

- Reduces storm-water runoff, non-point source pollution, and sewer overflow
- Increases water usage in underutilized pipe systems

Human Capital Criteria

• Cultivates leadership and civic engagement