

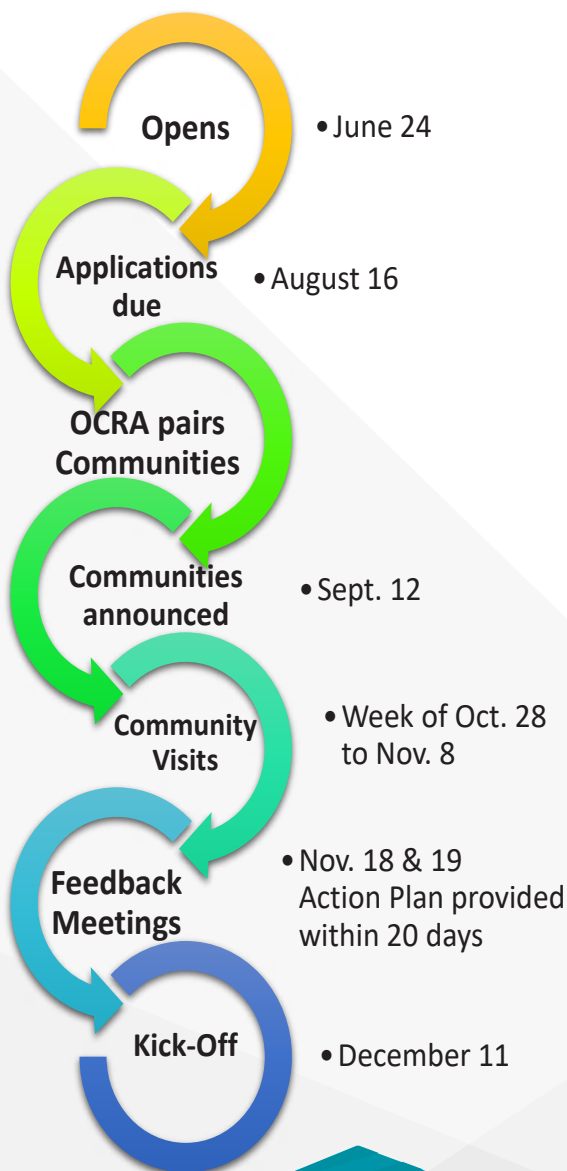
# Peer Mentoring & Quality of Place

\$20,000 grant + travel stipends



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Through peer mentorship, partnered communities will work together on improving their quality of place programming and economic development conversations. Driven by in-person assessments, stakeholder conversations, and peer advisement, local leadership will gather best practices and the necessary tools to advance an innovative vision.



## Eligible Applicants



Local & county units of government

Any size community can be a peer participant or host community. The lead applicant must be a local unit of government with multiple organization and agency partnerships. Those involved should be key stakeholders and individuals who are decision makers.

## Grant Amount

Host community will be awarded \$20,000 for a recommended project &

**Travel stipends** for the host and peer community for community visit travel costs.

## Funding Match

Minimum of \$20,000 cash match is required.

## Program components:

- The host community will be responsible for a presentation and final discussion meeting on final projects and areas of opportunities.
- The presentation should focus on various community assets, including the downtown corridor, community business expansion plans, tourism, community assets, leadership, communication and youth.
- Meetings between the peer communities will cover opportunities and ideas for a community development project based on the peer's visits and meetings with the host community.
- The mentorship will continue after the project decision.

