



Dining District Program- Stream One

Small-scale Public Realm Improvements

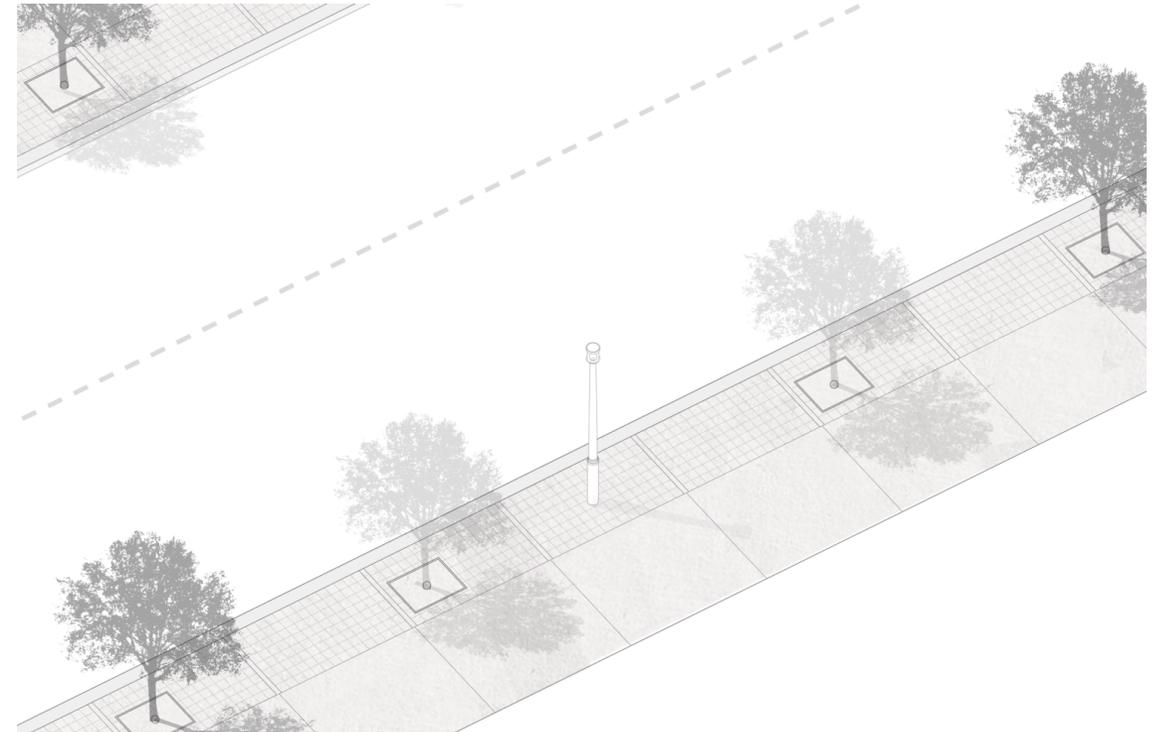
How This Program Has Evolved

Program Evolution

- Not tied to CaféTO
- Focus on neighbourhood public realm
- Supports local vibrancy

Core Objective

Enhance neighbourhood streetscapes and support vibrant main streets through **small, practical improvements.**



Program Objective



Stream One supports practical, ready-to-implement projects that:

- Enhance neighbourhood public spaces
- Improve outdoor dining environments
- Support local main street vitality
- Build on planned or existing activations*

Projects should:

- Improve the appearance and functionality of public spaces
- Encourage community gathering and activity
- Strengthen local business districts

Funding Overview

Up to
\$5,000

50% Cost-
share

Min
\$10,000

Examples

Public Space Improvements

- Temporary parklets or platforms
- Outdoor dining furniture
- Streetscape enhancements



Community Activation

- Temporary plaza activations
- Programming supporting local restaurants



Neighbourhood Beautification

- Planters, plants, soil
- Graffiti removal
- Clean-up services



How Applications are Reviewed

Project Readiness

- Ability to deliver the project within the program timeframe
- Clear implementation plan

Neighbourhood Impact

- Contribution to vibrant and welcoming main streets
- Benefit to the surrounding community and businesses

Geographic Distribution

- Funding will be distributed across Toronto neighbourhoods
- Ensures equitable access to program funding citywide

Alignment with Program Objectives

- Projects should enhance the public realm and support local activation.

Sustainable Project Outcomes

Durability

- Improvements that remain useful beyond a single event or season

Neighbourhood Value

- Enhancements that benefit multiple businesses or the broader community

Responsible Investment

- Effective use of grant funding relative to project outcomes

Program Leverage

- Projects that build on existing plans, partnerships, or activations

Application Process

Applications will open March 25th – April 22nd

Application should Include:

- Project Proposal
- Itemized Budget
- *Letters of support from an additional funders
- Upload board minutes acknowledging participating in the program

Funding decisions will consider:

- Readiness to implement
- Project impact
- Geographic distribution across the city

*not require but nice to have

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