

Project Title: Crest Hill City Municipal Park and Plaza-Rte. 66 Theme

1. ***Provide project description with specific geographic location(s) including address location(s) for Capital projects, as well as targeted benefits to businesses and attractions on Route 66.***

The project involves the construction of a Municipal Park and Plaza with a Route 66 theme on property owned by the city located immediately adjacent to the new City Hall Building located at 20600 City Center Blvd, Crest Hill Illinois. This plaza and park will include the construction of a Rte 66 theme band shell, restroom and concession facility, playground, Interactive Rte 66 stations, a farmers' market area with amenities, a parking lot, sidewalks and walking paths, park lighting, wayfinding signs and all required underground utilities and irrigation system. As part of this project 2 EV charging stations are proposed to be installed in the existing park lot of the Crest Hill City Hall Complex. The project is planned to be constructed in multiple phases. The first phase is ready for bid with construction being in 2025.

Phase 1 is anticipated to include the installation of an underground irrigation and drainage system, water and sewer services and associated parking lot, sidewalks and walking paths and the installation of park lighting, and mass grading to establish a grass surface.

This phase will also include hiring an professional Architect to prepare bidding documents for the band shell with a Route 66 theme that will be constructed during phase 2. The fee for this work is to be split between the city and the FY25 Route 66 grant up to a maximum amount of \$30,300.

Phase 2 is anticipated to include the installation of the band shell with Rte. 66 theme, Interactive Rte 66 stations, farmers market amenities. This phase will also include the installation of wayfinding signs to direct tourist traffic to the park.

Phase 3 is anticipated to include the construction of a bathroom and concession facility with Rte. 66 theme and any remaining interactive stations.

Currently, the city does not have a place where residents of the City of Crest Hill Community can come together sell goods at a farmer's market or to celebrate and hold events. A park of this nature will help create a close community and help businesses by generating a tourist destination point which will increase visitors to the City, but also the surrounding communities.

2. Provide clearly defined and detailed scope of work that demonstrates how scope meets the and promotion of 100th Anneriveray of Route 66.

By constucting all of the components of the park discussed above for phases 1 and 2 by June 30, 2026 it will provide the city the opportunity to have a celebration during the 4th of July holiday or Labot Day weekend of 2026 to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of Route 66.

3. Provide desription of need of communities and businesses to be asseted.

To provide a community park and plaza that will serve the residents today and in the future. This new complex will provide the city the abilty to bring the community together and develop a partership between the residents and businesses while also providng a destination point for Route 66 enthusiast. This destination point will help to generate business for local businesses.

4. Provide estimated tourism ecoomic impact the project will have on communitis/businesses.

Currently the city has very limited ability to attract tourism. A park constructed with interactivte Route 66 stations, band shell, playground will create a destination point which will help to generate increased business for the area which will benefit all of the local businesses.

5. Provide potential for promoting future tourism trends that include electric vehicel.

n/a.

6. Proide a detailed timeline for the project.

a. Timeline:

Task Description	Estimated Completion Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Task 1. Project Design-Complete (Phase 1)	11/1/2024
Task 2. Anticipated Construction Start-Phase 1	3/1/2025
Task 3. Anticipated Construction Completion-Phase 1	6/30/2026
Task 4. Project Design (Phase 2)	8/1/2025
Task 5. Anticipated Construction Completion-Phase 2	6/30/2026
Task 6. Project Design (Phase 3)	12/30/2026
Task 7. Anticipated Construction Completion(Phase 3)	10/31/2027

7. Provide a detailed project budget (as related to Catigories above)

a. See attached project budget.

8. *Provide plans for sustainability of the project beyond the grant.*

As mentioned above the city is constructing this city park and plaza to create an area where our residents can come together to enjoy a local farmer market, movies, concerts and other outdoor events.

With this being a city owned communtiy park the city will hold yearly events. The city of Crest Hill has partnered with the Lockport Township Park District to also host events once the park and bandshell are constructed. These evetns will be in addition to the city events.

9. *Clearly demonstrate how the project ties into the 100th anniversary of Route 66.*

The city is looking to complete this project by the end of June 2026 in order to have the abilitiy to host an event that celebrates the 100 year anniversary of the Route 66.

10. *Provide performatnce measrues for each project you are proposing in the application, description of how you plan to track or measure, and anticpated results.*

The City will work with the vendors, organizations and partners to collect data for each event such as: sales, attendance, social media reviews, surveys, vehicle counts, giveaways, etc. Furthermore, the city will conduct on site visits recording acitivity and encourage community feedback through post event reviews with the partners and organizations using the facility. Finally, tracking expenses, operation hours, personnel hours (paid and non-paid voluteers).