

Project Evaluation Criteria for Capital Improvement Programming

Public Health, Safety, or Welfare

- Does the project eliminate or reduce unsafe or unhealthful conditions?
- What health and environmental impacts will result from the project?

Community Economic Impact

- Does the project increase the valuation of local property?
- Will deferral of the project increase land acquisition costs?
- Does the project provide a service needed for economic development?
- Will the project have a positive effect on the local economy?

Legal Requirements

- Is the project needed to meet legal requirements?
- Is the project needed to meet state or federal mandates?

Related Projects

- Is the project essential to the success of other proposed projects?
- Is the project part of a larger program?
- Does the project complete or make fully usable a major public improvement?
- What significant effects will the project have on relationships with other governmental units of agencies?

Fiscal Impacts

- What local government revenues will be affected by the project?
- What net impact will the project have on the operating budget?
- Does the project improve energy requirements?
- Will the project increase the efficiency of the service delivery?
- Are the expected benefits greater than the project's costs?
- Does the project reduce or avoid potential liabilities?

Community Goals and Objectives

- Is the project consistent with the comprehensive plan?
- Is the project consistent with the governing body's policies?

Public Support

- Does the project have public recognition and support?
- Will the project increase citizen perception of good government?

Extent of Service

- What are the number and types of persons likely to benefit from the project?
- Will any groups be adversely affected by the project?
- What geographic areas does the project serve?

Quality of Life

- Does the project have positive aesthetic and social effects?
- Will the project cause inconvenience to the public during construction?