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Applications now being accepted for Healing Spaces Initiative

Applications are now being accepted city-wide for the City’s Healing Spaces Initiative which aims to build relaxing natural environments on available City-owned vacant lots while also eliminating blighted spaces and engaging residents. **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**, who helped to create the program, is excited for the initiative’s second year and is encouraging residents and community groups to apply.

“The Healing Spaces Initiative is all about collaboration. The City helps facilitate the creation of vibrant public spaces while utilizing vacant City-owned lots, and allowing residents the opportunity to play a key role in the process,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “When neighbors come together to envision these spaces and play a driving role in their creation, it makes our community stronger. If any residents or community-based organizations have an idea for a healing space, I would encourage them to apply today.”

Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 15th. Projects may include basic elements such as seating, flowers, walking paths or lighting, and relaxation elements like little free libraries, positive signage, bird baths and more. Interested applicants should visit the program website [here](#) to fill out an application and to review additional guidelines and eligibility requirements.

This year, neighborhood projects can be proposed city-wide, in all 15 Aldermanic Districts. The Healing Spaces Initiative is coordinated through the City of Milwaukee’s Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC), and project grants include materials and labor from NIDC partners, as well as technical and planning support to bring the project vision to fruition. All healing spaces are ADA accessible.