

# 2026 Pioneer Square Inspiration Fund

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The Pioneer Square Business Improvement Area (BIA) is excited to announce the ninth annual Inspiration Fund matching program. This program is intended for community members of all kinds to implement projects and programs with a positive impact in the Pioneer Square neighborhood. Program goals include celebrating neighborhood diversity, benefiting the community, and creating a positive impact in Pioneer Square. Example projects include murals, public art, experiences, or public events. The BIA encourages applicants to propose their best and most creative ideas!

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## Program Details

The BIA has set aside \$20,000 for the 2026 program and will accept applications ranging from \$1 to \$20,000. Awarded funds must be matched by volunteer hours or other funds on a 50% basis. Funding must be spent in 2026 calendar year.

## Eligibility & Evaluation

BIA Ratepayers, residents, neighborhood employees, and those with a significant connection to Pioneer Square are invited to apply. The selection process will be competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Final decisions will be made by the Pioneer Square BIA Stakeholder Board.

Factors to be considered in each application may include:

- Estimated number of people attending
- Free/accessible to the general public
- Maintenance plan, if applicable
- In good standing with BIA assessment, if applicable
- Estimated foot traffic increase for businesses
- Creativity and unique program or experience
- Not previously awarded funding through this program

## How to Apply

Fill out and submit application below with requested additional documentation. Please submit applications by email to [bia@pioneersquare.org](mailto:bia@pioneersquare.org). Applications accepted through Tuesday, March 31st at 5pm. Award notifications by May 15th.

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## Application Form

Business, organization, or individual name:

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Address:

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Contact Name (if different from above):

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Email:

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Phone:

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## Budget Overview

Please fill out the information below and attach a detailed budget on a separate page outlining specific revenues and expenses (i.e. materials, labor, staffing, etc.).

Inspiration Fund Request      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Match:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *please select match type:*      Cash  
In-Kind  
Volunteer Hours

## Proposal

Please attach a one to two-page, typed, proposal providing the following information:

- Project, event, or experience name
- Description
- Date and time, if applicable
- How this proposal furthers the program goals of the Pioneer Square BIA Inspiration Fund
- Will your project be ADA accessible?
- Any other businesses/organizations/individuals involved in your proposal
- Provide any necessary supplemental materials to support your proposal (i.e. photos, drawings, material lists, etc.)

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## Terms and Conditions

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. If I or our business or organization receives funding, I/we agree to the conditions set out below and to any conditions approved by the Pioneer Square BIA at the time the contract is signed.

- Applications must be submitted on the application form. At the discretion of the BIA, incomplete applications or applications submitted in any other format may be delayed or refused.
- In the event funds are not used in-part or in-full as indicated on the application, funds must be returned to Pioneer Square BIA.
- In the event changes are made to awarded proposals before implementation, written notification must be forwarded prior to the change to the BIA.
- The Pioneer Square BIA and Pioneer Square brand will be used to recognize the contribution of the BIA.
- Awardee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Alliance for Pioneer Square, the Pioneer Square BIA Stakeholder Board and its officers, directors, trustees, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including actual attorneys' fees), arising from or in connection with, directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, any act of omission of Awardee or its volunteers, employees, or agents, in spending or applying the Award or in carrying out the scope of work described in this Agreement.

## Signature

By signing below, I acknowledge I have fully read and understand the policy conditions and agree to be bound by them and that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Print Name (and title, if applicable)