

Preliminary timeline for Year 4 Investment and Innovation grant cycle

Should the Metro Council opt to continue the I&I grant program beyond the three-year pilot, staff has established a timeline for a fourth grant cycle. This high-level timeline is tentative, with details to be developed upon Council direction on whether the program will continue, the funding level and areas of program emphasis. The timeline below accounts for additional stakeholder engagement to develop and implement a number of significant program improvements identified in the pilot evaluation report.

May – Sept. 2021	Develop Year 4 program guidelines based on lessons learned from pilot program and stakeholder input
Oct. 2021	Solicit Metro Council input on revised program guidelines
Oct. – Nov. 2021	Revise solicitation process and materials based on lessons learned from pilot program and stakeholder input
January 2022	Launch Year 4 grant cycle
June 2022	Complete Year 4 grant-making process and sign contracts with grantees