

**Evanston Thrives Actions - Prioritized as of 9/27/2023 (updated 4/16/24)** Blue = Active Request, Red = Not ARPA, Green = Approved

Line #	Project	Avg Score	Preliminary Estimate	Priority Ranking	Current ARPA Funding Estimate	Status
1	Downtown Placemaking Equipment (e.g. portable stage, adirondacks, fire pits, etc.)	4.25	\$50,000	1	\$200,000	Reviewing options with business districts. Present procurement request at future EDC meeting
2	Citywide Establish clear gateways at the entrances of each district	4.16	TBD	2	\$500,000	Ongoing gateway committee meetings
3	Downtown Theater Plaza Outdoor Dining Plaza on 909 Davis (lighting, sidewalk, furniture)	4.08	\$100,000	3	\$500,000	<a href="#">RFP 24-19 issued. Due April 23, 2024</a>
4	Citywide Refocus the Storefront Modernization Program (advance funds instead of reimburse, increase budget, promote, clarity, prioritize)	4.06	TBD	4	\$0	Not Funded With ARPA, 2025 Budget Process
5	Central Street East Picnic Edge with Tables and Chairs (Dining Terrace/Stage/Tree/Flag Pole, Sidewalk, "Plaza")	4.00	\$500,000	5	\$500,000	APPROVED
6	Downtown Theater Plaza - Active Intersection	4.00	\$20,000	5	\$0	Combine with Line #3
7	Noyes Improved Seating Area	4.00	\$100,000	5	\$10,500	<a href="#">12 adirondacks</a> and <a href="#">3 tables</a> (commercial quality)
8	Citywide Implement larger, more consistent and visible public parking signage and wayfinding	4.00	TBD	5	TBD	Potential Gateway Strategy
9	Citywide Pilot community events fund to support local community to initiate more events in public spaces	3.97	\$30,000	6	\$45,000	Return to May EDC with updated estimate (police, fire, parks & rec feedback required)
10	Citywide Prioritize streetscape enhancements along critical pathways (from transit, parking, or a nearby destination)	3.97	TBD	6	TBD	Requires longer term planning
11	Citywide Encourage Parklets & Sidewalk Cafes	3.94	TBD	7	\$0	Requires longer term planning
12	Citywide Increase budget for enhanced landscaping, seasonal planters, and snow removal within the non-SSA retail Districts. Great Merchant Grant should no longer be used for these purposes.	3.94	\$80,000	7	\$0	2025 Budget Process, PWA coordination
13	Main Street - Street Enhancements and Lighting under CTA/Metra Bridges	3.87	\$50,000	8		TIF
14	Howard Street - District Markers (repaint with updated colors and logo)	3.83	\$25,000	9	\$0	This is combined with Line #2
15	Citywide City Staff Position to coordinate events	3.77	\$100,000	10	\$0	Not Funded With ARPA
16	Dempster Street - Street Enhancements and Lighting CTA and Metra Bridges	3.73	\$50,000	11	\$50,000	RFP to be Issued, return May EDC
17	Citywide Support/Grow the reach of the Legacy Business Program (budget, prioritize storefront/physical improvements)	3.71	TBD	12	\$0	Not Funded With ARPA, 2025 Budget Process
18	Citywide Revise Great Merchant Grant funding policy to correlate directly with physical, visible placemaking investments to benefit/reinforce the district identity	3.68	TBD	13	\$30,000	EDC Funding Request 4/24/2024
19	Central Street West - Striped bikeway and bike-focused wayfinding. Start with a sharrow	3.67	\$3,000	14	\$0	Requires longer term planning (IDOT)
20	Downtown - Create street closure strategy for Fountain Square that minimizes security and traffic management staff	3.65	\$15,000	15	\$15,000	Combine with Line # 9 Return to May EDC with updated estimate (police, fire, parks & rec feedback required)
21	Church & Dodge Pedestrian Enhancements / Ground Mural	3.60	\$12,000	16	\$0	TIF
22	Main Street - Enhance Custer Oasis	3.60	\$10,000	16	\$0	TIF
23	Howard Street - Wayfinding beacons/signage	3.58	\$30,000	17	\$0	Combine with Line #8
24	Citywide Create a grant program uniquely available to non-formula businesses and Evanston-based businesses. Offer priority to disproportionately impacted businesses	3.58	\$250,000	17	\$250,000	\$250,000 from ARPA, \$150,000 from Participatory Budgeting
25	Citywide Promote the Sustain Evanston program (budget appropriately, promote)	3.58	\$250,000	17	\$0	General Fund (Econ Dev) and Sustainability Fund
26	Central Street East Wayfinding at Prairie & Central (decision point)	3.56	\$10,000	18	\$0	Central Street ARPA Funds allocated to Dining Edge and Gateway Signage
27	Ashland Arts Gateway Signage	3.54	\$50,000	19	\$0	Combine with Line #2
28	Church & Dodge Renovate Gibbs space for indoor/outdoor use	3.50	TBD	20		TIF Eligible, Requires longer term planning
29	Church & Dodge - Potential development with Plaza (Y.O.U. parking lot)	3.50	\$500,000	20		TIF Eligible, Requires longer term planning
30	Downtown - Replace trash cans	3.50	\$80,000	20	\$165,000	Design to be determined
31	Downtown Theater Plaza Train Bridge Gateway Signs	3.50	\$80,000	20		Combine with Line #3
32	West End Wayfinding on Dodge to Connect Retail Uses Robert Crown and Greenleaf Arts	3.50	\$4,000	20		TIF
	<b>Top 20 Subtotal (pending TBD's)</b>		<b>\$2,399,000</b>		<b>\$2,265,500</b>	