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RAD OPENS APPLICATION FOR 2018 FUNDING

PITTSBURGH—At a public meeting today, the RAD Board announced that RAD is now accepting applications for 2018 funding, with a deadline of 4:30PM on July 17th. In 2017, RAD will provide $97.5 million in grants to nearly 100 assets in the categories of libraries, parks and trails, sports and civic facilities, arts and culture, and transit.

In recommending the application for next year, the Allocations Committee noted that the 2018 program “emphasizes the Board’s duty to preserve a group of quality, well-managed, diverse and inclusive regional assets.”

While RAD will accept applications for discretionary capital projects next year, the Board also emphasized that projects should be “urgent, shovel-ready projects” and that “a match from other sources will be taken into consideration during evaluation.”

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RAD’s 2018 funding guidelines include eligibility requirements (for example, applicants must be governmental entities or non-profit, tax-exempt corporations, duly organized and in good standing under Pennsylvania laws, and provide programming or services of a regional nature in Allegheny County) and evaluation criteria (including governance, programming, diversity, and accessibility and inclusion). The guidelines also include restrictions, including prohibiting funding places like health care facilities, institutions of elementary, secondary or higher education, social/human service agencies and programs, and services such as public safety and health programs, water and sewer projects. The full set of guidelines is available on the RAD web site www.radworkshere.org.

RAD has an annual budget process that begins with the applications process, and ends with a budget adoption in December for the following year. The Board will review applications in public hearings beginning on August 21st. RAD will release a 2018 preliminary budget on or about September 28th; hold a public hearing on the preliminary budget; and adopt a final budget on or about December 1st. RAD welcomes comments on the budget process or any other RAD business. The public comment procedure for board meeting can be found on RAD’s web site. All meetings are held in locations that are accessible to the public.

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