



Everyone is Welcome Pilot Program Application

About the Program

The Northside Business Association, NEST, and the Northside Community Council, are proud to launch Everyone is Welcome, a new program celebrating radical hospitality in our neighborhood. Everyone is Welcome includes a Suitcase Ramp Program designed to support accessibility improvements across our business district. Suitcase ramps are temporary ramps that are portable and easy to use, allowing businesses with steps to reduce that obstacle and become more accessible to all. This program is funded with \$2,000 from the NBA and a \$25,000 grant awarded to NEST via the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Through this initiative, we aim to support the businesses throughout our district by providing a complimentary accessibility package tailored to your business that may include some/all of the following::

- A high-quality suitcase-style ramp
- Signage related to your improved accessibility/partnership in the initiative
- A device to communicate between your business and those with an obstacle to entering (IE: wireless doorbell for customer assistance)
- Training
- Small-scale art installations celebrating that Northside is for everyone
- Marketing support from the partners to highlight **and celebrate your new** accessibility features within the community

To fill out this survey online, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RJDDZVV> or scan the QR code below:





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Eligibility

To apply, businesses must:

1. Be located in Northside
2. Be receptive to the ways available to improve the accessibility of your business.

Application Information

Please provide the following business and contact details:

Business Name:

Business Owner(s) Name:

Business Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Website (if applicable):

Support Needs

As part of this project, we want to understand the ways the Northside Business Association can support increasing the accessibility of your business.

1. Is there a step(s) or any other barrier at the main entrance to your business that could limit accessibility? Y / N
2. Does your business have bathrooms available for use by your customers? Y / N



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3. If your business has a counter/bar at which you exchange orders or payment, is there a portion no higher than 36" from the floor? Y / N
4. If your business has tables for use by patrons, do those tables provide 27" of clearance underneath with a surface height no higher than 34"? Y / N
5. Are their reading materials, such as a menu, available in braille? Y / N
6. Do you have visual notifications activated on audible notifying devices? Ie: fire alarm, door bell, etc Y / N
7. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your staffs' awareness and comfortability in communicating or accommodating customers with a disability? _____

Entrance Specifics

If you answered "Yes" to the first question regarding the accessibility of the primary entrance to your business, please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. Estimates are acceptable as a thorough evaluation will be conducted to assess the ways your business can be supported. If you'd like assistance with your application, please contact our committee chairperson, Rachel Brown, at rachelbrown.cinci@gmail.com,

1. **Width of Entrance (measure between the face of the door and the stop, while the door is open 90 degrees :** _____
2. **Number of stairs leading to entryway:** _____
3. **Height and depth of stairs leading to entryway:**

4. **Is the threshold between the outside and inside of your entryway greater in height than 1/2"? If yes, describe:**



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5. Is there at least 60” of depth on a level surface directly inside your entryway? ____

6. Width of sidewalk available from the curb to the steps of your entrance: _____

7. Is there a secondary or alternate entrance/exit you'd like evaluated? Y / N

Accessibility improvements should prioritize providing access at the **main public entrance** whenever barrier removal is readily achievable. A secondary entrance may be used as an alternative only when modifications to the primary entrance are not readily achievable. Any alternate accessible entrance must be available during the same hours of operation, be connected by an accessible route, be clearly identified with signage, and not require individuals with disabilities to use a service or level of access that is less convenient than that provided to others.

1. Number of stairs leading to alternate entryway: _____

2. Height and depth of stairs leading to alternate entryway: _____

3. Is the threshold between the outside and inside of your entryway greater in height than 1/2”? If yes, describe: _____

4. Width of alternate entrance (measure between the face of the door and the stop, while the door is open 90 degrees in inches): _____

5. Is there at least 60” of depth on a level surface directly inside your entryway?

6. Describe the route to/from the public right of way to your alternate entrance:
