

Please note: This PDF is available for applicants to plan their online application submission; however, only applications submitted online will be considered.



NEXT BIG IDEA APPLICATION

ABOUT ULI AUSTIN IMPACT AWARDS

One of the Urban Land Institute's guiding principles is that the achievement of excellence in land use practice should be recognized and rewarded. ULI Austin's annual Impact Awards are an opportunity to recognize and celebrate projects and people throughout Greater Austin that exemplify ULI's mission: to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

The Next Big Idea award goes to an upcoming project, master planning effort, redevelopment, program, policy, or 'idea' that will transform our industry and our community. We seek innovative ideas that can positively impact the region's quality of life, such as improving the quality of the built environment, the way in which planning and development are conducted, construction affordability, financing or other aspects of development.

- The Next Big Idea does not have to be a project, nor is it required to be completed. (Note: If you are submitting a completed project, the [Completed Projects awards](#) may be more applicable and requires a different application.)
- Exemplifies ULI's mission to shape the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide.
- The Next Big Idea can either directly impact the Greater Austin Area, spanning Waco to New Braunfels, OR be submitted by a firm with a presence in the Greater Austin Area that positively impacts the industry or another community.
- Achieves excellence through the application of industry best practices.
- Is financially feasible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- ULI members and non-members are eligible to submit an application. There is no fee to submit.
- Only **ONE** entry will be accepted for each idea. To prevent duplicate entries, please communicate and coordinate with ALL partners who worked on the project to organize a *single* submission.
- **Completed applications must be submitted online by June 19, 2026.** Applications will only be accepted through the online portal.
- Once started, you have **two weeks to complete this application**. You can start it now, stop anytime, and come back later to finish. Your progress is automatically saved using a browser cookie, but you **must resume using the same browser and device you started with**. Otherwise, your saved work will not show up and you will need to start over with a new application.
- For additional information about each category, visit ULI Austin [Impact Awards Categories](#).
- Questions? Visit ULI Austin [Impact Awards FAQs](#) or contact austin_awards@uli.org.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

PRIMARY CONTACT/SUBMITTER

Who can ULI Austin contact if there are questions about this entry?

First Name

Last Name

Job Title

Company / Organization

Email Address

Phone

ENTRY DETAILS

Idea / Project Name

Idea / Project Location
(Street address, City,
State, Zip)

Idea / Project Websit

MARKETING DESCRIPTION (50 word limit)

This will be used by ULI Austin in promotional materials, including the Impact Awards event webpage and the printed event program. If the description extends beyond 50 words, ULI Austin staff will modify the description to fit within the limit without opportunity for review by the submitter.

Thoroughly describe the project, initiative, or idea as you would to a prospective client, a group of developers, or your financial partner.

REASONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Complete the following sections with as much detail as possible. If you feel a section does not apply to your project, initiative, or idea, enter N/A in the field; however, robust descriptions help the judges fully understand the features and merits of your idea/project, and enables the judges to evaluate your submission.

Describe how your project, initiative, or idea provides a positive contribution to the Greater Austin Area, the industry, or community in which it is envisioned to be located?

Describe the viability of this project, initiative, or idea.

Describe how this project, initiative, or idea is unique.

IMAGES

Images are instrumental in helping the judges understand your entry. **At least one image is required.** Provide no more than 5 image files in JPEG or PNG formats. You must include a brief one-line description for each image you submit. If applicable, include the required photo credit for the image. By uploading an image, you grant permission that ULI Austin may use the images for marketing the Impact Awards event in electronic and printed materials. Ensure image size/quality are suitable for projected PowerPoint presentation.

Image 1 (required)

Caption (include a brief one-line description)

Credit (if applicable, include the required photo credit for the image)

Image 2 (optional)

Caption (include a brief one-line description)

Credit (if applicable, include the required photo credit for the image)

Image 3 (optional)

Caption (include a brief one-line description)

Credit (if applicable, include the required photo credit for the image)

Image 4 (optional)

Caption (include a brief one-line description)

Credit (if applicable, include the required photo credit for the image)

Image 5 (optional)

Caption (include a brief one-line description)

Credit (if applicable, include the required photo credit for the image)

PARTNERS/TEAM MEMBERS

Provide contact information for the partners and team members who are collaborating on this project, initiative, or idea. Ideally, we want to know Developer, Owner, and Designer. Listing additional partners on the development team is encouraged. If there is not yet a Developer, Owner, or Designer, enter N/A for those fields. **Make sure to also include the company that is organizing and submitting this application.**

Only **ONE** entry form for each project, initiative, or idea may be submitted. To prevent duplicate entries, please communicate and coordinate with ALL partners involved with the project, initiative, or idea to organize a *single* submission.

Enter company names as they should appear in print. If there was not a team member for a listed category, type N/A in those fields. Separate multiple names and/or email addresses with a semicolon.

DEVELOPER

FIRST & LAST NAME	<input type="text"/>
COMPANY	<input type="text"/>
EMAIL	<input type="text"/>

OWNER (if not Developer)

FIRST & LAST NAME	<input type="text"/>
COMPANY	<input type="text"/>
EMAIL	<input type="text"/>

DESIGNER

FIRST & LAST NAME	<input type="text"/>
COMPANY	<input type="text"/>
EMAIL	<input type="text"/>

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

	FIRST & LAST NAME	COMPANY	EMAIL
ARCHITECT	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CIVIL ENGINEER	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
OTHER ENGINEERS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
DEBT PARTNERS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
EQUITY PARTNERS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

OTHER PARTNERS

Provide first and last name, company, and email address for any other partners not previously listed.

AUTHORIZATION

You must attest to the following when submitting an application. Applications will only be accepted through the online portal, and only applications with all Authorizations below will be accepted.

- I have coordinated this application and communicated with all other parties involved with this project, initiative, or idea.
- I have full power and authority to provide this information and to grant these rights and permissions.
- ULI Austin may use, reproduce, or make available for reproduction any information provided (including images).

DIGITAL SIGNATURE

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Type First & Last Name of Submitter