



Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee 2025-2026 Background

About the Process

The Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) process is organized to evaluate projects and establish a list of regional priorities and recommended projects that aids the community in speaking with one voice when pursuing funding opportunities.

All submitted projects will go through a process that includes a public review and comment period as well as review by subject matter experts. The panels examine projects based on six criteria: economic growth potential, regional character, cost- effectiveness, maturity, feasibility, impact, and community support.

A small number of projects are typically selected as a “**Priority Project.**” Priority Projects are the top projects that will make the most significant impact in the Dayton region among the projects that were submitted. These projects are the region’s top priorities for funding because they strongly meet the evaluation criteria and are expected to have the greatest regional impact.

“**Recommended Projects**” are projects that meet the needs of the region as determined by the review process. These projects meet the established criteria and would provide benefit to the Dayton Region if funded.

“**Reviewed Projects**” are projects that have gone through the community process.

The process is organized by the Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee, a group of about 25 business, educational, and government leaders from throughout the Dayton Region and staffed by the Dayton Development Coalition.

Recommendations by the PDAC project priority process are strictly advisory. The Coalition manages the PDAC process as a service to the community. It offers the opportunity to project sponsors for public vetting, peer review, community input, and recognition for projects of regional merit. Project sponsors are responsible for their own advocacy for project funding, either through government or non-government sources.