

## Things to Consider if You're Interested in Starting a Street-based Initiative

If you're interested in starting up a street-based initiative, such as a street library or street pantry, there are some important things that you need to consider before progressing the idea further. These are outlined in the checklist below.

	Question to consider	Completed
<b>Need</b>	Is there already a street-based initiative in your area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If so:</i> has it been successful? What can you learn from it?</li> <li>• <i>If not:</i> is this because there is no interest in one?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	What evidence is there to support the need for such an initiative in your area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you spoken to your local community members about this?</li> <li>• Is their information in the media or online that supports the need for a street-based initiative?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Location</b>	Do you have a certain location in mind for the street-based initiative? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, is the location fit for purpose?</li> <li>• Is the site protected from the weather?</li> <li>• Can the site be accessed by everyone?</li> <li>• Will the site be safe?</li> <li>• Is the area around the site well-lit?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Do you require certain amenities and facilities to be nearby? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are rubbish bins required?</li> <li>• Will users of the street-based initiative need access to parking?</li> <li>• Could you require access to water to clean the structure or its surrounds?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Who owns the land on which you wish to establish your street-based initiative? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you contacted the land owners?</li> <li>• Are there any special zoning or land use considerations that you need to be aware of?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any local laws that might influence what is and isn't suitable at this location?</li> </ul>	
	What do you need to do to get permission to use this location for a street-based initiative?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Structure and content</b>	<p>What items are going to be placed in your street-based initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will they be useful to a range of different people?</li> <li>Will the contents decay or go rotten?</li> <li>Are they suitable for different ages, cultures and abilities?</li> <li>Will the items need to be protected from vermin and/or other external factors?</li> <li>Will someone have to check on the contents regularly to make sure they are suitable and safe?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>What items and materials are required to create the structure that will form your street-based initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are the materials environmentally friendly?</li> <li>Will the structure be durable and withstand bad weather?</li> <li>Is the structure secure?</li> <li>Will the contents within the structure be secure?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p>Who will build and install the associated structure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who will attend to any maintenance needs?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Who will cover the cost of developing the associated structure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If it becomes damaged, who will cover the cost of any necessary repairs?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>How many people will be responsible for managing your street-based initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much time are you personally able to commit?</li> <li>How often will these other people be available?</li> <li>Will they be available for a long-term period?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Who will promote the street-based initiative?	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<p>Who will donate to the street-based initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will donations be made?</li> <li>• Who can collect donations if required?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p>Who will routinely and regularly monitor the street-based initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who checks for damage to the structure and its surrounds?</li> <li>• Who will make sure that there is always items in the structure?</li> <li>• Who will check if the items that are there are appropriate?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**You can find more useful resources to help plan and deliver your initiative in the City of Wanneroo’s Community Toolkit: [www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitytoolkit](http://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/communitytoolkit)**