

Historic Places = Fresh Futures

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Funding May Be Available For Your Preservation Project!

Application Deadlines:

First Grant Round: April 8, 2019

Second Grant Round: September 9, 2019*

*If remaining funds are available

Take advantage of the

2019 Main Street Grant Program

What are the objectives of the grant program?

- 1. Improve and maintain properties in the district
- 2. Increase the district's economic vitality
- 3. Expand the number of properties in the district

What properties are eligible?

- 1. Main street historic district properties
- 2. Individual historic landmarks downtown that are used for commercial purposes
- 3. Structures must be at least 40 years of age

Who is eligible to apply?

- 1. Owners of the subject property
- 2. Tenants of the subject property (with owner's consent)

What costs are eligible?

- 1. Professional architectural design services
- 2. Façade work (including screening of rooftop mechanical equipment)
- 3. Maintenance
- 4. New signage (internally lit signs are not eligible)
- 5. Graffiti removal
- 6. Retroactive project funding for above-listed projects that have been issued a building permit within the last 12 months

What costs are ineligible?

- 1. Routine or periodic maintenance
- 2. Soft costs, such as acquisition, accounting, appraisals, bids, engineering, legal and building permits
- 3. Acquisition costs
- 4. Additions or enlargements, except where required by building and safety codes
- 5. Site work, including excavation, grading, paving and landscaping
- 6. Repairs to recent additions, constructed after the property was officially designated
- 7. Owner/self-labor reimbursement
- 8. Non-historic decorative elements
- 9. Skylights
- 10. Solar equipment
- 11. Security features
- 12. New equipment and maintenance of equipment and devices unrelated to mechanical systems of the structure, such as automated teller machines and satellite dishes

How much money is available?

- 1. \$52,410 is available in 2019. The process is competitive, with funds distributed among the top projects.
- 2. Matching funds grants will be awarded for up to 80% of the project cost.
- 3. Reimbursement applicants will be reimbursed upon the completion of their projects

What other approvals are required?

If the proposed grant project requires a certificate of historic appropriateness (COA), the COA must be approved prior to approval of the grant.

What is the schedule?

First round

Early March 2019 2019 Program mailed to property owners March – April, 2019 Pre-application meetings with staff

April 8, 2019 Application deadline

May 20, 2019 Historical Preservation Board (HPB) review and

decision making

July 8, 2019 Deadline to submit building permit

July 8, 2019 If no building permit is required, deadline to

commence construction

TBD Deadline for completion of the project

Second (final) round in 2019

Mid July, 2019 Notice of 2nd round mailed to property owners

August – September, Pre-application meetings with staff

2019

September 9, 2019 Application deadline

October 21, 2019 Historical Preservation Board (HPB) review and

decision making

December 9, 2019 Deadline to submit building permit

December 9, 2019 If no building permit is required, deadline to

commence construction

TBD Deadline for completion of the project

What does the Board consider when reviewing my application?

The Historical Preservation Board will use its discretion in granting awards based on the following considerations. Higher priority items are at the top of the list with items generally descending in order of priority. Projects do not need to meet all of the considerations. Applications will be reviewed and grant determinations made relative to all proposed projects submitted within the same grant round.

Considerations

- 1. Project will have a significant positive visual impact on the historic character of the district.
- 2. Project located on the front façade of the building.
- 3. Project includes restoration of architectural details and materials on a historic building façade,
- 4. Project will provide permanent, rather than removable, elements. Examples of removable elements include signs, canopies, and fixtures.
- 5. Project includes architectural design assistance.
- 6. Property has not previously received grant funding or the project is part of an ongoing, phased, set of improvements.
- 7. The health, safety and welfare of the community.
- 8. The board will give negative consideration to any applicant who previously received funding and did not complete the project within the approved timeframe for project completion. Applicants in those cases will be asked to assure the board that the proposed project will be completed during the allotted time frame.

What other applications and processes are required?

All projects are required to go through the appropriate city planning review and building permitting process. Being awarded a grant is not a substitute for either planning or building permit approval. If the proposed grant project requires a certificate of historic appropriateness (COA), the COA must be approved prior to approval of the grant.

When must the project be complete?

Projects are to be completed within ______ of the date of award. A one-time extension of up to 6 months may be approved by the board when there are compelling circumstances presented in writing at a regular board meeting prior to the end of the twelve months allotted for completion of the project.

When do I get reimbursed?

- 1. **Reimbursement after project completion** Projects awarded grant funding will be reimbursed after the entire project, as approved, has been completed and reviewed by the city to ensure compliance with the approved grant project, the Certificate of Historic Appropriateness (COA) and any other city approval that was approved in conjunction with the work.
- 2. **Reimbursement after bills are paid in full** Grantees seeking reimbursement must submit (a) a completed reimbursement request form; (b) a W-9 for the grantee; (c) proof of final payment of the invoices for the project, such as final invoices signed by the contractors as paid in full or cancelled checks; and (d) electronic copies of color photographs showing the completed work. Those photographs should be at approximately the same scale and cover the same sections of the building shown in the photographs submitted with the application. Staff may visit the site to confirm project completion as anticipated by the grant award. If a completed project is inconsistent with the grant award, as approved, the applicant may not receive reimbursement.

How Do I Get Started?

Pre-application

1) Contact Andrea Mimnaugh at 303-795-3719 or amimnaugh@littletongov.org to schedule a pre-submittal meeting. City staff will work with you throughout the application process.

Application submittal

There are two parts to the application packet, the first submitted online, the second submitted by email:

- 1) Complete the application form on the city website online at <u>Main Street Historic District</u> <u>Grant Program</u>
- 2) Scan and email to DRT@littletongov.org:
 - A letter of intent that includes a detailed written and description of the proposed work and a timeframe for completion of the project
 - Photographs of the existing building noting the areas where work will be completed
 - Historic photographs of the building, including the section where work will be completed
 - The proposed budget
 - Three contractor bids if three bids are not included, provide explanation in the letter of intent.

