



APPLICATION TOWN OF EATONVILLE CRA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM

Prior to completing and submitting this application, please contact the Planning Department to review your proposed project, application and process at (407) 623-8900.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Referred by:

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Application Date		
Application File #		
Staff Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Approved</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Denied</i>	Date
Board Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Approved</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Denied</i>	Date
Grant Amount \$		

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name	Years Owned
Address	Phone
City	State Zip
Owner's Signature	

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Business	Business Owner's Name
Address	Phone
City	State Zip
Type of Business	Tax ID #

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Principle Structure Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Structure Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Preparation Work
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PROJECT BIDS *Please attach actual bids. If three (3) bids are unavailable, please explain below.*

Bid #1	Company Name
Bid #2	Company Name
Bid #3	Company Name
Reduced Bid Explanation _____	

GENERAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Residential Property Demolition Grant Program is a \$5,000 dollar-for-dollar matching grant that is to be used for the demolition of blighted residential buildings, and/or site improvements.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Please provide a brief, general description of the work to be performed, materials to be used (if applicable).

Principle Building to be Demolished_____

Secondary/Accessory Building to be Demolished_____

Other Proposed site Improvements_____

Attachments: The following attachments are required:

- ☐ Proposed project schedule.
- ☐ Photographs of the existing building and proposed project area.
- ☐ Site Plan or Survey, drawn to scale depicting the building(s) to be demolished and other structures and impervious surface areas upon the site.
- ☐ Report on results of toxic substance/contaminant study.
- ☐ Three (3) bids/estimates.

Check appropriately

- ☐ I own the property in consideration

I have read the Town of Eatonville CRA Residential Property Demolition Grant Program Guidelines. I understand that if the proposal is approved, I will make the above improvements to the property within the specified time allowed.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE_____

DATE _____

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General Program Information

Intent

It is the intent of the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Area (TOECRA), under the Community Redevelopment Plan and Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statute, to provide financial assistance to qualified owners of Residential properties located within the indicated boundaries of the CRA for eligible building or site improvements that contribute to the physical, economic, social and aesthetic enhancement of the TOECRA area.

Through the Residential Property Demolition Grant Program, the TOECRA seeks to help homeowners improve the attractiveness of properties, and thereby work to achieve the agency's goal of eliminating conditions that have a negative impact on economic growth and encouraging the siting of new businesses.

Eligibility

The Residential Property Demolition Grant Program Matching Grant funds are available to qualifying residential property owners within the indicated CRA Area (see attached map). Grants are intended for rehabilitation and restoration of sites only, not for the improvement of undeveloped sites.

Eligible Projects

Program Summary

The Residential Property Demolition Grant Program is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to \$5,000 that can be used toward demolition of old, dilapidated, blighted structures, which are an eyesore. The CRA Board will make the determination of whether a building meets the eligibility criteria.

Structure Demolition

- Demolition of principal existing structures
- Demolition of secondary and/or accessory structures

Other Eligible Improvements

- Site preparation work following the demolition of dilapidated/blighted structures to encourage the location of new residential properties.

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Program Requirements and Regulations For Eligibility

Applications will be considered only if they meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- The CRA Board's approval must be secured prior to commencement of work.
- The project must be located within the CRA's boundaries and must facilitate the redevelopment activities as identified in the adopted CRA Plan.
- Property must be current in water/sewer/garbage and tax bills and without Town liens, active building permits or outstanding bills at time of application, approval and completion, as a condition of final payment by the CRA.
- Applicants shall not have any present Town code violations or active building permits.
- Applicant must obtain and submit three (3) bids from appropriately licensed bidders for the work to be completed under this program.
- All applicants should have conducted a study into the presence of contaminants and/or toxic substances within the structure of the building and should submit a copy of the report at the time of application.
- Labor expenses are eligible only when performed by a licensed contractor in good standing in Orange County. All quotes/bills/invoices must reflect the contractor's license number.

- The CRA Board and Planning Department must approve project(s). Project(s) may be subject to Town Council approval.
- Applicants must ensure that all required permits and approvals are obtained (demolition, site clearance, and all other applicable) for all projects.
- The applicable Town department, such as Planning, Building, Engineering, or any other government entity which has jurisdiction over the project, must approve any changes or alterations to the approved project.
- Projects must be completed within four (4) months of award of grant or permit issuance if applicable, unless a written extension is requested of and is granted by the CRA Board.

Failure to complete the improvements in a timely manner shall result in the property owner losing the grant reimbursement opportunity. The CRA Board may consider time extensions in extraordinary circumstances ONLY.

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Application Process

Applicants must complete all required application forms and submit the completed application package to the CRA in order to be considered for assistance.

Within five (5) business days of application submittal, CRA staff will review the application for completeness. A post-application submittal conference may be held with the applicant to discuss any issues with the applicant. At this time, additional information may be requested.

Within ten (10) business days of receiving and verifying the completeness of the application, the CRA Director or staff will review the application and prepare a recommendation for the CRA Board to be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The applicant will be sent a copy of the CRA staff recommendation.

The CRA Board will determine the applicant's funding request for approval or denial by majority vote. The applicant will be notified in writing of the CRA Board's decision within five (5) business days of the Board's decision.

In making the determination, the committee will consider the following factors and may give priority to projects that meet the following criteria:

1. **Will the project positively contribute to the town's assisted redevelopment effort?**
2. **Will the project eliminate or reduce a blighting influence?**
3. **Will the project substantially leverage more investments than the required matching amount of the grant?**
4. **Will the grant result in an improvement that would not be made otherwise?**
5. **Does the project comply with the CRA Redevelopment Plan?**

Required Application Documents

Application packages must include enough documentation to illustrate the visual impact of the project and its costs. Failure to provide required information will delay the review process. The items submitted should include the following documents:

- ☐ Project Schedule
- ☐ Photographs of the existing building and proposed project area.
- ☐ Site Plan or Survey, drawn to scale, depicting the buildings to be demolished and other structures and impervious surface areas upon the site.
- ☐ Report on results of toxic substance/contaminant study.
- ☐ Three (3) competitive cost estimates from licensed and bonded contractors. These proposals should give detailed information about the work to be done, materials to be used, costs and the project completion schedule. In certain cases, less than three (3) bids will be considered acceptable, however, it will be considered on a project-by-project basis at staff's discretion.

Contractors and/or materials cannot be changed without prior written staff approval. At staff's discretion, a change in contractors or materials may require a new CRA Board Approval.

- ☐ Executed "Release and Hold Harmless Agreement."

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Award Reimbursement

The Applicant shall incur all initial project costs and may receive reimbursement only after all improvements have been completed in accordance with the grant award.

The CRA Director or staff will disburse grant funds upon the receipt of a finding of project completion. The finding of project completion will be granted when the following package is received:

1. Written notification from the owner that the project is complete.
2. Copies of all required permits.
3. Copies of paid invoices and evidence of payment (cancelled checks, credit card receipts).
4. Photographs of completed project.

Reimbursement can be expected in approximately **three (3) to six (6) weeks** after all required materials have been received.

Ineligible Improvements

- Any service performed by a non-licensed contractor.
- Improvements made prior to execution of final agreement with the CRA.
- Routine maintenance activities that are part of normal property ownership.
- An improvement to a property that has any judgment liens, is not current on all mortgage and tax obligations, or has any code violations.
- Improvements to properties that are exclusively commercial.
- Permitting fees

