

DOWNTOWN ASHEBORO

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Primary Rule:

All Applications must be pre-approved before any work can begin. Work done prior to approval is not eligible for grants; all work should comply with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

Purpose:

The grant program is created to spur economic development in Downtown Asheboro through incentives, focused on historic preservation of the architectural character that his unique to Asheboro.

Eligibility:

1. Owner(s) or tenant(s) of a building located within the Asheboro Downtown Historic District.
2. Owner(s) and tenant(s) may request grants separately, however, any tenant(s) must have the owner's written permission attached to the application.
3. Owner(s) and tenant(s) cannot submit a duplicate applications. Cap amounts listed are for each building no matter who applies.
4. DAI designated committee may judge a property eligible for a second grant if:
 - a. At least 3 years have elapsed since the first grant was awarded and if the structure is in need of further improvement
 - b. The existing business undergoes significant expansion that requires alteration.
 - c. A new business moves in and requires changes in the façade or features i.e. new awning, updated storefront glass etc.

Beginning Guidelines:

1. A specially designated committee will review plans, drawings, and quotes to ensure each project meets the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitations.
<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation/rehab/stand.htm>
2. Rehabilitation of structures should be considered a contemporary solution that respects the architectural integrity of the entire building, retaining those elements that enhance the building.
3. All projects will meet with the code requirements for the City of Asheboro
4. Any renovation proposal is eligible for funding, but top priority will be given to projects that will make highly visible contribution to the commercial district.
5. The grant will not approve or include any requests for business name(s) on awnings.
6. Items funded must be complete within 12 months of the awarded grant date or an extension can be requested as long as construction has begun.

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Funding is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. Amounts will be funded at 50 percent of the amount up to the maxes listed below:

- Awnings - \$3,000
- Restoring historic signs or ghost signs. \$4,000
- Repairing cornices \$500
- Painting already painted building - \$3,000
- Repair of plaster - \$1,000
- Exterior door replacement \$1,000
- Storefront glass replacement - \$3,000
- Second story Windows - \$400
- Tuck-pointing or re-pointing or rebuilding of brickwork - \$10,000
- Paint removal from brick surfaces by chemical and water wash methods only \$5,000
- Guttering replacement and addition \$2,000
- Removing false facades and other inappropriate additions such as metal slipcovers \$1,000
- Professional renderings for façades
- Roofs - \$2.50 per square foot of roofing
- Restore original tin ceilings \$1 per square foot
- Preserving original wood floors - \$ 2.00 per square foot
- Handicap accessibility (ADA compliant, ramps, elevator, public restrooms) \$20,000 (must be split over 2 years)
- Alcove tiles, mosaic \$2.00 square foot
- Installation of fire suppression system - \$2 per square foot
- Installation or repair of AC Unit - \$5,000
- Electrical work - \$5,000

Required Document:

1. Completed and signed Downtown Redevelopment Grant Application
2. Narrative of project with future expected commercial use
3. Expected budget for ENTIRE project, not just items requesting funding
4. Existing photos of building, interior and exterior
5. Quotes for any portion of the project requesting funding (entire project MUST meet the National Park Service Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitations)

Common projects that do not meet the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation:

Painting unpainted brick, use of vinyl replacement windows, garage storefronts where not a former manufacturing building, etc.

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Date of Application:

Applicant (please print):

Property Address:

Applicant Mailing Address:

Cell Phone Number:

Please Circle One:

Owner

Tenant

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If tenant, please list property owners name (written permission for the project must be attached):

Description of project:

Total cost of investment (including items not funded by grant):

The following items need to be included for grant to be reviewed:

- Photos of proposed changes (can be computer generated or drawn), paint swatches/fabric/decorative materials
- Complete signed grant application with current photos of building

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____