

Greater Franklin County Chamber

Design Committee

2017-2018 Building Improvement Grant Program

Goal: This is an incentive-based program made available to property/business owners within the Hampton TIF district. In providing up to \$2,000 in matching funds, the Chamber Design Committee believes improvements to building facades will enhance the overall appearance of our community and encourage other business owners to make improvements.

For All Categories

1. The grant pays a maximum of \$2,000 in matching funds.
2. The grant is strictly intended for building improvements.

Awnings and Signage

- Awning material must be fabric
- Vinyl backlight or hand-painted signs will not be considered.
- Awnings/signage must satisfy the Chamber Design Committee and Hampton City Code.
- Signage is offered only to existing businesses, and may only be for the name of the business, not merchandise.

Exterior Painting

- Color scheme is subject to approval of the Chamber Design Committee.

Window Repair or Replacement

- Lower or upper level

Sidewalk Repair or Replacement

Exterior Structural Repairs

- Tuck pointing of lower and upper level
- Structural engineers' cost may be included
- Foundation work
- Roof repair

Interior Repairs

- Floors, walls, and ceilings
- Electrical and plumbing

Program Outline

- Complete the application form on the reverse side. A schedule of work, including materials, paint colors, architectural changes, and costs must be included. Be Specific. Include a sketch or simulation of what the completed project will look like. If there is an insurance claim being filed for the repair the Design Committee must be notified in advance.
- At no charge, the Chamber Design Committee and/or a Main Street of Iowa Design Consultant can assist the property owner(s)/tenant(s) with recommendations.
- Property owners are only eligible for one grant per building at a time.
- Business owners are only eligible for one grant per business at a time.
- Labor costs may be included, but only those of professionals and no labor in kind will be considered.
- **The work must be done by a professional and completed in full, with paid receipts.**
- The Chamber Design Committee encourages the recipient to use local business if at all possible.
- All applications will be reviewed and are subject to approval by the Chamber Design Committee.
- **The work and paper work must be completed within one year from the date the project was approved.**
- The grant money will be distributed to the applicant only upon completion and final inspection of the approved project by the Chamber Design Committee.
- **Projects started before award notification will not be compensated.**
- FUNDS ARE LIMITED. The Chamber Design Committee will carefully examine applications, in the order they were received, to determine which projects will most contribute to the overall design quality of our community.

If you have questions, including whether or not your property/business is located in the TIF district or for a list of local contractors, contact the Greater Franklin County Chamber at (641) 456-5668.

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Grant Category Applying for: Awnings and Signage____ Exterior Painting____ Window & Repair/Replacement____
Sidewalk Repair or Replacement____ Exterior Structural Repairs____ Interior Repairs____ Roof Repair____

Name of Applicant: _____ Application Date: _____

Name of Business/Building: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Building is currently used for: _____

Have you consulted with the Main Street of Iowa Design Consultant about your project? Yes____ No____

Will there be an insurance claim filed? Yes____ No____ If so what would be your deductible? \$_____

Have you consulted with another architect or contractor? Yes____ No____

If yes, name of contractor or architect: _____ Phone #: _____

Estimated Cost of Project (materials and professional labor): _____

Estimated start date of project: _____ Estimated completion date of project: _____

Project Description:

Describe your proposed project below. Include a list of proposed building materials to be incorporated into the project, signage type, awning type and color, paint scheme, window type, architectural changes, as applicable, and any other information that would be beneficial to the Design Committee. Include as a separate attachment any sketches, plans, or other graphic illustrations you may have of the proposed improvements.

Building Owner Acknowledgement:

As owner(s) of the building names, I,(we) acknowledge the request for grant funds stated and support the proposed plan of improvements for the building(s) as listed above.

Signature Date

Signature Date

Design Committee Use Only: Project Approved: _____ Project Approved for \$_____ Project denied: _____

Review Comments:

Design Committee Chair

Date

Façade Grant Chair

Date