



MAYSVILLE

Main Street Historic Building Improvement Grant Guidelines

All projects must be located within the approved Main Street District or downtown Maysville Historic District.

This grant is for commercial buildings only. All eligible applications will be given earnest consideration, however, preference will be given to projects that expedite first floor/storefront usage.

All projects must follow the standards of the Maysville Board of Architectural Review and the Secretary of the Interior for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties.

Any facade improvements that would change the look of the building or would utilize different materials from the original must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Board of Architectural Review. Contact George Larger at 606-564-2719

Applications will be reviewed and awards given by the Main Street Board. It is important to note not everyone who applies for the grant will receive an award. Priority will be given to projects based on the historical significance of the building, repairs as a deterrent to deterioration, visual prominence of the building within the district, the impact of the improvements to surrounding property, and the benefit to first floor/storefronts. It is the goal of the board and this grant to encourage economic development by having storefront property available and ready for potential new businesses.

Eligible building improvement activities include, but are not limited to: façade work, masonry repair, tuck pointing, storefront improvements, awnings, restoring the original facade, painting, cornice repair, roof repair, electrical, plumbing, fire safety, windows, and signage, or a combination of projects not to exceed \$10,000.

The applicant must have a minimum of two bids for the proposed work. Photos and a narrative of the scope of the work will also be required.

The Main Street Board will respond through email with further questions, if needed, and give the applicant a certain number of days to clarify. The applicant will be notified in writing of the Board's decision on the project.

Main Street Board members are often building and businesses owners, too. Therefore, they are not disqualified from applying for the grant. However, in the event that an application is submitted by a Main Street Board member, he or she relinquishes the right to participate in the grant review process.

A full inspection of the property by Mayville Building Inspector Jim Fawcett and Codes Enforcement Officer Nicol Brooks is required before an application is considered. Please call Main Street Director Caroline Reece at 606-563-5624 to schedule your appointment.

Any activities or expenses prior to written approval from the Main Street Board are **not** eligible for reimbursement.

The Main Street Historic Building Improvement Grant will reimburse up to 50% of the cost of the project. The grant awarded will not exceed a maximum of \$10,000 nor the original written approved amount.

If approved, all work must be completed by June 30, 2022

The Main Street Board will not be held responsible for any default on behalf of contractors, personal injury, or cost overruns.

After final approval from the Main Street Board, monies will be dispersed by the Buffalo Trace Area Development District. The project coordinator at BTADD is Katrina Hartley, and she can be reached at 606-564-6894. Approved applications have the option of a one, two, or three year declining balance. In other words, taxes can be taken out all once (year one) or have them spread out over two or three years.

Please contact Main Street Director, Caroline Reece, at the Cox Building to discuss your potential project or if you have any questions.

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