

Canton Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Grant

PURPOSE

The Canton Chamber of Commerce offers matching grants to Canton downtown business owners to improve and enhance local facilities, and develop a renewed and revitalized downtown area. The matching grants will provide assistance to improve the condition of the community's downtown. Street and alley clean-up, colorful banners, landscaping, and lighting all improve the physical image of the downtown as a quality place to shop, work, walk, invest in, and live. Design improvements result in a reinvestment of public and private dollars to downtown. Frequent visible changes in the look and activities of the downtown district will reinforce the perception of positive change. Small, but dramatic, improvements early in the process will remind the community that the revitalization effort is underway.

ELIGIBLE AREAS

Funds can only be used in the downtown area of Canton. (between N. Dakota and Cedar Street and between 4th Street and 7th Street)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Canton downtown area business owners that are members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CCCDRG funds are only available to downtown businesses in the eligible areas described above. Eligible projects will receive dollar for dollar funding. Marketing costs and personal labor, (sweat equity,) is not a reimbursable expense.

ELIGIBLE USES

Grants may be used for exterior improvements that will significantly contribute to the revitalization or redevelopment of the downtown. These exterior improvements may include, but are not limited to, lighting, awnings, landscaping, demolition, painting and signage.

FUNDING LIMITS

The maximum amount any applicant can apply for is based on the amount of funds available for that year up to \$10,000.

FUNDING REMBURSEMENT

Awardees will be reimbursed upon completion of the project. Receipts must be submitted to the grant coordinator for review and approval at which time 50% of eligible expenses will be reimbursed.

APPLICATION/APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Business owners interested in applying for matching grants should complete a CCCDRG application. The application cycle is open from **January 16th to March 16th** based upon availability of funds. Recipients will be announced on **April 1st** of each year and must be used by June 1st of the following year. Applications are rated on need, project impact, and local effort. The current chamber board of directors will review and make a decision whether or not to fund the project.

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2015 Canton Chamber of Commerce Downtown Revitalization Grant Application

Applicant Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Are you currently a Chamber member? Yes No

Project Description:

(Photos and sketches are useful, but not required.)

Project Goals: (Why are you doing this project? Aesthetic improvements, building stabilization, safety, etc.)

Does your project require a permit from the City? (For example sign permits, fencing permits, building permits?) Yes No If "Yes", please attach.

Total Project Budget: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Attach budget detail.

Approximate Project Start Date: _____ Approximate Project Completion Date: _____

Complete and return to:

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