

HISTORIC RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To support the preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties to further incentivize downtown economic development as well as enhance the design and overall appearance of downtown commercial corridors.

ELIGIBILITY

- The lead applicant must be any individual, partnership, firm, association, joint venture, limited liability company, or corporation or;
- be a nonprofit organization if the historic property will be used by the nonprofit for the organization's purposes and functions;
- The lead applicant must be able to show title/ownership upon grant award and will certify this is available upon application; and
- Properties owned by Local Units of Government are not eligible for this grant program.

FUNDING

- Grant requests between \$5,000 and \$100,000 will be accepted.
- Eligible requests must be no more than 50% of eligible project costs;
- Local match must be greater than or equal to 50% of total eligible project costs;
- Local match must be provided by the applicant or a third party with documentation provided at time of application; and
- Ineligible expenses may be included in the project summary but will not count towards the eligible local match.

TIMELINE

- July 6, 2022: Grant opens for applications.
- Aug. 28, 2022: Certificate of Approval must be obtained from DHPA (grant applications that do not have an approved COA by this deadline will not be accepted).
- Sept. 28, 2022: Grant applications due by 4 p.m. ET.
- November 2022: Awardees announced.
- By January 2023: Grant agreements executed and work on project may begin.

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ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

The historic property must be:

- Located in Indiana;
- At least fifty (50) years old;
- Listed or eligible for listing at the time of application in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures (State Register); *Note that all properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are also listed in the State Register.*
- Actively used in a trade or business;
- Held for the production of income;
- Held for the rental or other use in the ordinary course of the person's trade or business; or
- Owned and used by a nonprofit organization or nonprofit corporation for the organization's or corporation's purposes and functions.

FUNDING

- Eligible preservation and rehabilitation activities are **limited to the exterior**;
- Include measures to sustain the form, integrity and material of a building or structure. This includes the stabilization work and maintenance of historic building materials;
- For example (this is not an all-inclusive listing):
 - Windows, doors, and historic entryways;
 - Brick rehabilitation and tuckpointing;
 - Roof replacement and rehabilitation;
 - Rehabilitation of exterior architectural characteristics; and
 - See Scope of Work Guidance for HRGP Applicants for more detail.

APPLICATIONS

- HRGP is a competitive grant program rather than first-come, first-served.
- Any work that applicants are seeking grant funding for cannot begin until a grant agreement is fully executed. Likewise, the required local match may not be spent prior to the grant award.
- Applicants must have obtained a Certificate of Approval from DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, or DHPA, by Aug. 28, before they can submit an HRGP application to OCRA. Instructions to do so are provided on the DHPA website.
- Please watch the webinar, found on OCRA's HRGP webpage. For any follow-up questions on HRGP, please contact the assigned regional OCRA Community Liaison.