

# Downtown Revitalization Grant Program

## Harmony Economic Development Authority

### What does the Program Do?

- Grants for major, visible, exterior renovations.
- Must be “once in a lifetime” type improvements/repairs/restorations.
- Preserve, restore, and enhance the character of the core downtown commercial area.



### What can I Apply For?

- Tuck pointing
- Restoration of storefronts
- Repair/replacement of:
  - Exterior brick
  - Windows
  - Exterior doors
  - Trim
  - Architectural features

All materials must be of high quality, durable, and in style with the original character of the building.

### What is Not Eligible?

- Painting
- Siding
- Roofs
- Interior renovations
- Signage
- Landscaping
- Awnings
- Lighting
- Mismatched materials or materials that don't fit the original building character.

*The information on this sheet is for illustrative purposes only to help you create a successful application proposal. The eligibility items listed are not exhaustive. EDA staff can help with questions and applications. Eligibility does not guarantee approval. Funding will be approved by EDA and city council. Potentially only one application per year may be funded.*

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## The Best Proposals Will:

- Work with EDA staff prior to submission for advice.
- Fully demonstrate the project scope and need.
- Include “before” pictures.
- Include drawings and/or building plans for proposed elements.
- Leverage private or other public funding sources (e.g. use the EDA loan fund, other grants available at the time, bank loans, owner equity/cash).
- Include ineligible improvements in addition to items proposed for grant funding (e.g. improve building electrical or plumbing, HVAC, roof, painting, etc...)

## How to Apply/Additional Considerations:

- Full guidelines and application is on the city website or available from EDA staff.
- Complete applications are due by November 1 each year.
- A match is not required.
- The EDA will review applications and make funding recommendations between November and December.
- Construction may begin any time after city council approves.
- Grant funds will be repaid on a reimbursement basis to vendors.
- NO FUNDING WILL BE GIVEN to projects that started prior to council approval or that deviate from the application, including but not limited to using different materials, different colors, different vendors, and different contractors.

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