



Blue Earth Economic Development Authority

Exterior Improvement Grant

OVERVIEW

The Blue Earth Economic Development Authority (EDA) through the Commercial Building Exterior Improvement Grant supports the maintenance and updating of commercial buildings within the city limites of Blue Earth, Minnesota.

PROGRAM POLICIES

1. Grants are eligible for non-governmental owners of commercial buildings located within the city limits of Blue Earth, Minnesota.
2. Grant money is availbale for 50% of the project cost (not including building permit/zoning fees) up to a maximum of \$4,000 per building per 12-month period.
3. The main floor of the building must be primarily used for commercial business.
4. Primary consideration will be given to projects that improve only the exterior appearance of the building.
5. Improvements may include but are not strictly limited to repair or replacement of:
 - Windows
 - Doors
 - Thresholds/entryways
 - Awnings (including removal and wall remediation)
 - Tuck pointing/mortar repair
 - Signage
 - Sandblasting
 - Painting
6. Work must be completed within 150 days from the date of the awarded grant approval notification.
7. There is a cap of \$12,000 per year for this program set by the EDA.

GRANT APPLICATION

1. Grant applications will be received until the program is ceased, or closed for the year after the \$12,000 cap has been reached by the EDA.
2. An application form must be filled out providing detailed information on the project including:
 - Scope of the repair or replacement



- Estimated timeline for the project
- Contractor and vendor information, including a copy of bids/quotes
- If the work is to be done by the building owner, only materials are grant-eligible.
- Photographs of the building showing the area to be improved as it exists before commencing work

APPLICATION REVIEW

The grant application review process involves examination of application including plans and specifications of the project by the Blue Earth EDA board, who will make the final decision on grant awards.

PAYMENT

Before receiving payment of grant funds, the building owner must submit:

- Evidence of paid invoices to contractors or materials vendor
- Photographs



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Office Phone:	Office Fax:	
Email:	Website:	
County Recorder's Parcel Number of the Property:		

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Describe the need and reason for the improvements:

Describe the scope of the project:

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

