

# **Huron Downtown Beautification Matching Grant Program**

## **Purpose of the Program**

The Downtown Beautification Committee (DBC) has established this façade program to encourage rehabilitation, reinvestment and new development in the downtown area of our community. The goal of this program is to improve the physical appearance and assist in revitalizing the downtown area of our community.

## **Eligible Properties**

Property owners and developers within the boundaries of the Downtown Beautification Program are eligible for the matching grant program (*see attached map*).

## **Eligible Projects Improvements**

The types of projects which may be funded include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Façade brick or wall surface cleaning
- Patching and painting of façade walls
- Signage or lighting replacement/repair
- Canopy, porch, awning installation/repair;
- Window and/or door replacement/repair
- Façade mortar joint repair (tuck-pointing)
- Railings and ironwork repair or addition
- Cornice repair and/or replacement
- Replacement/repair to exterior steps

## **Compliance with Existing Building Codes and Regulations**

All improvement projects seeking incentive funding must conform to existing building codes and regulations of the City of Huron, and as applicable, to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Downtown Beautification Committee.

## **Funding Formula**

Subject to the availability of funding, matching grants will be awarded to cover up to 50% of the cost, up to a maximum grant award of \$5,000.00 per project for exterior improvements to buildings. No more than one grant per property may be awarded, unless subject to committee approval and funding availability. A property can be shown to have multiple store fronts and therefore should be considered exempt from this limitation. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Grants will be subject to committee approval and based on funding availability.

## **Application Process**

1. All applications must be submitted to the Downtown Beautification Committee. Applications can be requested via postal mail, e-mail, can be downloaded from <http://www.huronsd.com>, or picked up at the Greater Huron Development Corporation (located in the Huron Visitors Center at 1705 Dakota Avenue South).

2. All applications must include sketches, architectural drawings and/or explanations of proposed work as well as cost estimates or construction bids.
3. Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision of the application within 30 days of the receipt of a fully-completed application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Any amendments, additions, deletions, or other changes to the original application must be approved by the Downtown Beautification Committee in order to assure that grant funds will be awarded. Once the application is approved, the property is eligible for reimbursement according to the application submitted for up to one year. After one year from the application approval letter, the reimbursement will no longer be applicable and a new application must be submitted for reimbursement.
4. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement-only basis. Copies of invoices *AND* paid receipts, canceled checks, or other proof of expenditures must be submitted within thirty working days of project completion. "Sweat Equity" may be considered as the applicants match, however, qualified cost estimates must be submitted that clearly establish the value of the labor being provided. Following satisfactory site inspection of the completed project by the City of Huron Building Inspector, payment of the grant to the applicant will be authorized. A copy of the signed building permit from the City of Huron that signifies completion of the project must be submitted. If the site inspection is not satisfactory, the applicant will be notified and allowed up to sixty working days for correction of unsatisfactory items.
5. Properties that have received funding will not be eligible for additional funds from this program for a period of 3 years, unless otherwise authorized by the DBC.
6. Improvement projects that began prior to January 1, 2008 will not be eligible for this program.

**HURON DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION GRANT MATCHING  
PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Applicant(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Business Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimated cost of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paint \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Repair or replacement of windows \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Masonry repairs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Items needed to process this application:

a. Current photograph of property to be improved.

b. Drawings of proposed improvements.

c. Written description of proposed improvements, including materials and colors.

d. Proof of ownership.

e. Proof of insurance.

Applicant Signature(s)

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Date

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