

**MAINSTREET FREMONT, INC,
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MainStreet Fremont, Inc. Incentive Grant Program

Program Summary

MainStreet Fremont, Inc. of Fremont, Nebraska, has established an Incentive Grant Program to provide financial assistance to new and existing businesses located within the Downtown Improvement District of the city.

The Incentive Grant may be used for such activities as outside renovations such as signage, painting, awnings, or design assistance that enhance the property-and the review committee finds acceptable.

Program Guidelines

1. Grants are available for up to 10% of the total cost of the improvement project to a maximum award of \$500.00. Applicant may only be awarded one grant.
2. The applicant may be the property owner or tenant. Tenant must submit owner's approval in writing to the MainStreet Fremont Incentive Review Committee.
3. Project description and designs must be submitted to the MainStreet Fremont Incentive Review Committee for approval. Any changes after submission to the project or design may jeopardize the grant.
4. The applicant will be reimbursed the grant upon completion of the project (as approved).
5. Completion of the project must be within six months of approval, conditions permitting.
6. If applicable to project, planned improvements must preserve the architectural integrity of the building.
7. If applicable to project, the size, shape and color of a sign should compliment the building and conform to the City's sign ordinance and MainStreet Fremont's design guidelines.
8. If applicable to project, paint colors should be harmonious with neighboring structures and/or indicative of the building's historic (past) color.

Grant Approval

1. Applicants must make initial application to MainStreet Fremont, Inc., to insure adherence to applicable policies, requirements, codes and appropriateness. In no event shall MainStreet Fremont, Inc. use race, sex, age, religion, military status, color, national origin, or disability as grounds for grant denial to an eligible applicant.
2. Grant application for rehabilitations or outside renovation must adhere to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitations and the guidelines set up by MainStreet Fremont, Inc.

Selection Criteria

1. Aesthetic quality of the design proposal.
2. Potential impact on the attractiveness of the City, the streetscape and the particular building.
3. Enhancement or improvement significance to the district.

Note

These guidelines are subject to change as financial constraints may change. This program is subject to limited available funds.

**MainStreet Fremont, Inc
Incentive Grant Program
APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICANT: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER: _____

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS YOU ARE PLANNING: (PLEASE CHECK)

Signage___ Painting___ Awning___ Design Assistance Fee___

DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE _____

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Specifications outlining work. Include detailed sketch or design.
2. Samples of colors to be used.
2. Proposed budget and cost estimates.
3. Review proforma of required City permits.
5. If applicable, the property owner's written approval.

TOTAL COST OF IMPROVEMENTS: \$ _____ **AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$ _____

DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____ Property Owner _____ Tenant _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. How will the use of this grant improve the aesthetics of your property? _____

2. How will the use of this grant improve your business? _____

3. How will the use of this grant affect neighboring businesses? _____

4. If available, please submit the designs from the Main Street architect. Explain the reasoning in following or not following these designs. _____

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TO BE FILLED OUT BY MAINSTREET FREMONT, INC. OFFICE:

Reviewed by MainStreet Fremont, Inc. Review Committee:

Date: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Amount Granted: _____

Comments: _____
