

DOWNTOWN RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Through Tax Increment Financing District Funds, the City is willing to provide 2 types of grants:

- Façade Renovations: 2 to 1 match up to \$20,000, for improving exteriors
- Major Interior Renovations: 1/5 match up to \$20,000 for major plumbing & electrical projects

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Any owner, or tenant with owner's permission, of any real estate tax paying building within the designated area of downtown which has over 50% or more of its gross floor space devoted to a commercial use.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: FAÇADE GRANT

Painting, exterior cleaning, window and/or door repairs or replacements, tuck pointing, addition of awnings or canopies, restoration of historic details, etc.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: INTERIOR GRANT

Replacement of water and sewer service lines, extensive replacement of broken or corroded pipes, extensive replacement of old or unsafe electrical wiring, upgrading inadequate electrical sizes.



OWNER OBLIGATIONS

Owner must obtain two or more qualified contractor bids, pay for ½ of project cost prior to City investment and have work completed in a reasonable time frame and in compliance with Macomb's Downtown Historic Rehabilitation Guidelines (if façade). Improvements to the building must be maintained and insured and the structure continued as a commercial use for a minimum of 3 years (if façade).

PROJECT APPROVAL

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Community Development Committee and, if in compliance with program guidelines, recommended for approval to the Macomb City Council. Qualified projects may be treated on a first come, first serve basis and funds are limited to budgeted amounts.



STEPS TOWARD RECEIVING FUNDS

- 1) Discuss your proposal with the Community Development Coordinator at 309-833-4944.
- 2) Obtain program guidelines, and read through all of the program requirements.
- 3) Complete *Form A – Application Certification*, and *Form B – Downtown Renovation Application*.
- 4) After receiving preliminary approval from the Community Development Committee, *complete Form C – Downtown Renovation Agreement*, and prepare to attend a City Council meeting for final approval.
- 5) The applicant will need to complete and submit an Applicant Certification, Downtown Renovation Agreement, Affidavits and Lien waivers prior to receiving full reimbursement of eligible costs from the City.

Additional information such as program guidelines, design standards, and application forms are available at: City of Macomb, Office of Community Development, 232 East Jackson Street, Macomb, IL 61455