

Chamber Design Committee

2011 BUILDING FACADE GRANT PROGRAM

GOAL OF PROGRAM

The goal of this grant program is to offer an incentive to property/business owners to make improvements to buildings within the Hampton TIF area by offsetting a portion of the costs. The Chamber Design Committee (CDC) believes improvements to buildings will enhance the overall appearance of our community, create a positive image for our community, encourage other business owners to make improvements and promote Economic Development for the whole community.

GRANT CATEGORIES

Awnings and Signage

- 50% of total cost up to \$1000 maximum
- Must be fabric awnings – no vinyl backlight
- Awnings/signage must meet CDC & city codes
- Signage may only be for name of business, not merchandise

Exterior Painting

- 50% of total cost up to \$1000 maximum
- For building fronts (and side if corner lot) only
- Color scheme is subject to approval of CDC

Window Repair or Replacement

- 50% of total cost up to \$1000 maximum
- For building fronts (and side if corner lot) only
- May be lower or upper level

Structural Repair

- 50% of total cost up to \$1000 maximum
- For building fronts (and side if corner lot) only
- Tuck pointing of lower and upper level
- Structural engineers cost may be included
- Foundation work

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Complete the application form on the reverse side. A schedule of work, including materials, paint colors, architectural changes, must be included.
- The Chamber Design Committee as well as a Main Street of Iowa Design Consultant, if the property is in the Main Street District, can assist with the property owner(s)/tenant(s) with recommendations/program guidelines, (type of improvements, extent of improvements, and historical accuracy) at no charge. A design visit from Main Street Iowa Design staff may be required but at no cost to building owner.
- Submit the application form to the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 5 1st St SW, before September 1, 2011.
- All applications will be reviewed by the Chamber Design Committee.
- Construction of improvements shall be completed within 12 months of the Grant being approved.
- The grant money awarded will be distributed to the applicant only upon completion of the approved project and a final inspection conducted by the Chamber Design Committee.
- Property owners are eligible for one grant per building.
- Labor costs may be included, but only those of professionals and no labor in kind will be considered. Receipts are required for payment.
- Only work completed after award notification will be allowed.
- FUNDS ARE LIMITED. The Chamber Design committee will carefully examine applications, on a first come first serve basis, to determine which projects will most contribute to the overall design quality of our community.

**Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce
GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Grant Category Applying for: Awnings and Signage _____ Exterior Painting _____ Window & Repair/Replacement _____
Structural Repair _____

Name of Applicant: _____ Application Date: _____

Name of Business/Building _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Building is currently used for _____

Have you consulted with the Main Street of Iowa design consultant about your project? Yes _____ No _____

Have you consulted with another architect or contractor? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, name of contractor or architect _____ Phone # _____

Estimated Cost of Project (materials and professional labor) _____

Estimated start of project: _____ Estimated completion of project: _____

Project Description: Describe your proposed project below. Include a list of proposed building materials to be incorporated into the project, signage type, awning type and color, paint scheme, window type, architectural changes, as applicable, and any other information that would be beneficial to the Design Committee. Include as a separate attachment any sketches, plans, or other graphic illustrations you may have of the proposed improvements.

Building Owner Acknowledgement

As owner(s) of the building names, I,(we) acknowledge the request for grant funds stated and support the proposed plan of improvements for the building(s) as listed above.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Design Committee use only: Project Approved: _____ Project denied: _____

Review Comments:

Chamber Design Committee Manager

Date

City of Hampton

Date