

Chamber-Main Street News and Knows

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Hampton is one of over 50 communities in Iowa that are a part of the Main Street Iowa program. Each Main Street program focuses on a downtown or commercial district. Hampton's Main Street District is made up of 13 blocks, mostly surrounding the Franklin County Courthouse.

Property/business owners located in the Hampton Main Street District are eligible to apply for a Building Improvement Grant.

The Building Improvement Grant program provides up to \$2,000 in matching funds for improvements to buildings. Examples include:

- Exterior Structural repairs such as tuck pointing, foundation work, roof repair, window replacement, and door replacement. Structural engineer costs may be included.
- Interior repairs, such as electrical rewiring to bring a building up to code, plumbing repairs, and painting.
- Sidewalk repair or replacement.
- Exterior painting.
- Awnings and signage. Signage for existing businesses, only for the name of the business.
- Air conditioner and furnace replacement.

At no charge, a Main Street Iowa design consultant can be scheduled to assist with recommendations.

An application form, available at Center 1 or online at www.hamptoniowa.org, must be filled out.

Property/business owners are only eligible for one grant per building per year.

A schedule of work, including materials and costs, must be included with the application.

Applications and supporting documentation are subject to approval by the Chamber/Main Street Design Committee.

Applications need to be submitted at least 30 days prior to any work being done,

The work must be done by a professional and completed fully, with itemized paid receipts.

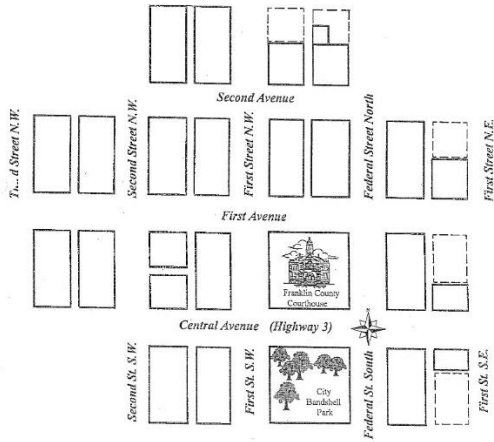
The grant money will be distributed to the applicant only upon completion and final inspection of the approved project by a representative of the Design Committee.

If you have questions, including whether your property/business is eligible, contact the Greater Franklin County Chamber at 641-456-5668.



Hampton Main Street Program

District Map



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