Downtown Revitalization Grant Program

The City of Beatrice has again been awarded Downtown Revitalization (DTR) funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED). The award of $400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will help Beatrice continue existing downtown revitalization efforts to address slum and blight conditions by rehabilitating several commercial storefronts in the downtown business district.

Program Overview

The purpose of this program is to assist in the creation of a cohesive, cost-effective, and vibrant downtown business district and if applicable to restore, improve, or create historic architectural features to facades of buildings within downtown Beatrice as identified within the 2016 Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Eligible improvements include structural and code compliance repairs and building facade rehabilitation. Eligible improvements include but are not limited to:

- Brick/masonry repair or restoration
- New or replacement of awnings and signs
- Exterior wall repairs, including the repair, and restorative installation of decorative details and other design features
- Building-mounted facade lighting
- Entryway, door, and window repairs and replacements
- Miscellaneous facade improvements
- Facade code violation eradication
    - Repairs of building code compliance issues identified in an inspection conducted by the City of Beatrice
- Roof and gutter replacements (on a case-by-case basis)
- Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements
- Life Safety (fire code)

- Painting is eligible for exterior facade improvements in combination with the above activities or permanent signage for restoration and historic preservation that are fixed to the structure

I'm interested! How do I apply?

A Phase V Funding application is available below. You may also obtain a paper copy at City Hall, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, NE 68310.

Downtown Revitalization Program Guidelines
Phase V Downtown Revitalization Program Application