Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant

Full Application Scoring Criteria

Project Impact: Proposed remediation will exhibit strong impact on the community and the downtown. Project will be a catalyst for economic development, improve the appearance of the site and community and perhaps the safety of its immediate locale. The impact of the award is critical to project success.

30 Points Maximum:

A strong application will:

- Will clearly describe the proposed remediation
- Includes a detailed scope of work for the project that also outlines the specific areas of the project that will be funded with the grant.
- Will affect/impact its district and the community in a positive way.
- Will improve the appearance of the district/community.
- Will improve safety in the downtown/district.
- Will be a catalyst for economic development.
- Involves an extremely important (perhaps landmark) building in the downtown.
- Involves a complete rehab of a building (entire building).
- Will clearly show what economic development will occur as a result of the project.
- Will be a catalyst for other building development in proximity to the project address.
- Complements additional activity in the downtown or relevant district.
- Make use of a property that is largely underutilized (vacant).
- Will at the very least bring a building to a "white box" stage of development.
- Involve a building in an extremely important location such as the heart of the downtown, an entrance to the community, etc.

A weak application will show no or little economic impact on the downtown, district or community based on the project scope or the community's potential for economic growth. The project will not be a component of the community's planning efforts. Future use of the site is unknown or questionable. The site location is not prominent and will have little impact on economic development.

Project Appropriateness: Proposed remediation will use appropriate rehabilitation practices and techniques, fit into pertinent community goals and logically explain reason for project.

10 Points Maximum:

A strong application will:

- Justify the remediation and how the determination was made.
- Explain what financial/feasibility analysis has been completed to justify the remediation.
- Describe how the remediation addresses the property.
- Describe how the approach is suitable for this building.
- Thoroughly explain treatment of significant features of the building.
- Exhibit sympathetic treatment of historic structures.
- Describe how remediation will lead to other catalytic projects.
- Show appropriate recycling and diversion of materials from the landfill. Includes remediation plan, including abatement of hazardous materials such as asbestos.

- Shows that the project clearly fits into development plans for the city/downtown.
- Shows that there is support for the project from the City, property owner and community.

A weak application will not make a case for the appropriateness of the proposed remediation. Little or no community support for the project is shown.

Project Funding/Partnerships: Proposed project will exhibit ample and reasonable funding from a number of sources. Likely project partners are identified and defined.

10 Points Maximum:

A strong application will:

- Show solid estimates of proposed work based on project plans.
- Show excellent match from local entities such as property owner and city.
- If in-kind support is used, specifically show sources matched up with specific element of project. All in-kind support is legitimate.
- Complete financial form in its entirety.
- List any other financial incentives/programs that are being used on the project.
- Clearly define property owner's involvement and interest in getting project done.
- Clearly defines other individual or organizational partnerships to get project done.

A weak application will fail to identify funding sources necessary to carry out the project. In-kind support will be poorly defined. Numbers do not add up. Applicants does not consider additional funding sources. Involvement by property owner is not known. Lack of organizational partnerships.

Sustainability/Smart Growth Principles: Proposed remediation promotes sustainability and smart growth principles including the goals and intended outcomes of the project relative to green development/sustainable development practices.

Required

Scores:

A strong application will:

- Promote sustainability and smart growth principles.
- Clearly state goals and intended outcomes relative to green development/sustainable development practices.
- Describe how project will meet the IEDA Green-Streets Criteria.

A weak application will show little or no adherence to smart growth principles or green streets criteria.

Project Impact (0-30 Points)	
Project Appropriateness (0-10 Points)	
Project Funding/Partnerships (0-10 Points	
Total Score	
Sustainability/Smart Growth Principles	(required but not scored)