



Main Street Enhancement Grant

Program Information and Application Form
2023 Funding Cycle

Main Street Enhancement Grant Program Information

Introduction

In 2017, Main Street Valley Center (MSVC) created the Main Street Enhancement Grant to assist business and property owners in the revitalization of their buildings located in the historic downtown target area. The program is administered by MSVC and conforms to the organization's mission, which states it is "committed to the preservation and revitalization of the historic downtown corridor through the preservation and maintenance of its historic buildings, strengthening retail and professional services, and bolstering community pride and involvement." Normally, MSVC has one grant funding cycle per calendar year. Grant applications are evaluated by the MSVC Economic Vitality Committee, with final award approval given by the MSVC Board of Directors.

Purpose

The purpose of the Main Street Enhancement Grant is to encourage historically accurate improvements to commercial buildings within the MSVC program boundaries. Restoration of individual façades improves the visual appearance and strengthens the character of the entire downtown, which is critical to the overall success of the economic health and vitality of the district as a whole.

General Guidelines

In order to qualify for the Main Street Enhancement Grant, the following criteria must be met:

- The building must be located within the Main Street Valley Center boundaries (see Appendix)
- Completed applications must be submitted by the application deadline
- Applicant or current building owner MUST be current on property tax payments to Sedgwick County
- Approved projects MUST be completed by December 31, 2023
- Once the approved project is completed, applicant must submit paid receipts for ALL work associated with the improvements for reimbursement

Eligible Activities

All proposed improvements must be in keeping with the architectural or historical characteristics of the building. The following improvement activities are eligible for grant funding:

- Paint: exterior, historically appropriate colors
- Window & Doors: repair or replace
- Lighting: exterior
- Roof: repairs or replacement
- Awnings: new, repair, or replacement
- Brick: cleaning or repairs
- Signage: exterior new, repair, or replacement
- Removal of non-historic materials, such as slip covers
- Interior improvements limited to structural, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical (HVAC) work
- Other exterior repairs or renovations that will help to improve and restore the aesthetic quality and historic significance and value of the building

Ineligible Activities

- New construction
- Removal of historically or architecturally significant building features
- Sandblasting of brick or masonry surfaces
- Non-permanent equipment and merchandising fixtures
- Building permit fees or other fees
- Demolition or acquisition of property
- Working capital
- Marketing campaigns

Grant Award Amounts

The 2023 funding cycle of the Main Street Enhancement Grant has \$1,500 available for eligible projects. Applicants may request up to \$500 for their proposed projects. This grant has a **dollar-for-dollar match** requirement that must be met at the time of application. In other words, if an applicant applies for \$500 in grant funding, then the applicant must contribute \$500 of his/her own funds towards the project.

2023 Grant Funding Cycle Timeline

Grant Application Available: Monday, March 13, 2023

Application Deadline: Monday, May 8, 2023 by 4:00 PM CDT

Award Announcement: Friday, May 19, 2023

For the 2023 cycle of the Main Street Enhancement Grant, funding will be awarded to projects completed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

Application Submission

Completed grant applications are to be submitted to Chris Strunk, President of the MSVC Board of Directors, either in person, mail, or email by 4:00 PM CDT on Monday, May 8, 2023. For in-person or mail submissions, deliver to the following address: 210 W. Main Street, Valley Center, KS 67147. For email delivery, please send to the following email address: president@mainstreetvalleycenter.com.



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Applicant and/or Business Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number/Email Address:

Project Address:

Does the applicant own the project building? Yes No*

Please describe the proposed project:

Total amount of funding request:

Estimated total project cost:

Anticipated start and completion dates:

Signature of Applicant/Date**:

Please include the following with this application (failure to comply **will** result in application rejection):

- Photographs (2-3, in color) of existing building/proposed project area
- Drawings, renderings, site plans, etc. which illustrate all proposed work
- Project budget, including third-party estimates for all proposed work

*If the applicant does not own the project building, the applicant **MUST** submit a letter from the building owner stating that he/she approves the proposed work to be done.

**By signing this application, the applicant agrees that all information provided in this application is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and acknowledges that all application materials become the property of MSVC.

Appendix

Map of Main Street Valley Center Boundaries (in red)

