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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Date: October 14, 2018
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dave Gobin, Community Development Director
Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

Re: IEDA CATALYST GRANT PRE-APPLICATION

Introduction and Background: The State of Iowa IEDA Catalyst Grant is designed to providing funding up to \$100,000 for specific buildings generally in downtown areas. We have identified one building that qualifies to apply for this program.

A City must be the applicant and the development costs are private. However, the application is only a pre-application and only if successful, the City would be invited to submit a full application.

The building is on the corner of Pine Street and West 2nd Street, owned by Dr. Bradley Bark. However, the City can apply next year for another building as they are identified.

Recommendation: Staff hereby requests of the Council to allow the City to apply for this pre-application.

Documentation:

1. Collateral material of the Catalyst grant program

COMMUNITY CATALYST BUILDING REMEDIATION PROGRAM



261-45.1(15) Purpose. Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 15.231 and 15.106A, the authority is directed to establish a community catalyst building remediation program fund for the purpose of providing grants to cities for the remediation or redevelopment of underutilized buildings. The authority shall administer the fund in a manner to make grant moneys annually available to cities for the purposes of this chapter.

PROGRAM DEFINITION

Through the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) will provide grants to communities for the redevelopment, rehabilitation or deconstruction of buildings to stimulate economic growth or reinvestment in the community. Strong applications will show the potential of catalytic economic growth in the community; improve appearances and safety; make use of underutilized property, exhibit appropriate design standards; and be well-funded. Economic growth may include the creation of additional jobs, growth of new or existing businesses, development of new housing units, increase property values or potential population growth.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Funding based on annual availability
- Maximum grant: \$100,000
- 40% of funds will be awarded to cities with populations under 1,500
- A mandatory pre-application process will precede the official grant application
- Applications are by invitation only, after approved pre-application
- City must be the applicant and provide financial and/or in-kind resources
- Funds available for the rehabilitation of one commercial building per community or two buildings with same ownership that are adjacent
- Deconstruction is allowed in dire situations or for safety reasons

Scoring Criteria (50 points total)

- Project Impact (0-30 Points)
- Project Appropriateness (0-10 points)
- Project Funding/Partnerships (0-10 Points)

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

A thorough description of the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program will be presented at five regional application workshops. Sessions will include deadlines for pre-applications and the actual formal application process. The workshops are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

October 1, 2018

Ottumwa 2-4:00 p.m.
Hotel Ottumwa — 107 East Second St.

October 2, 2018

Atlantic 10-12:00 p.m.
Cass County Community Center — 805 West 10th St.

Storm Lake

4-6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers (2nd Floor) — 620 Erie St.

October 3, 2018

Clear Lake 1-3:00 p.m.
Surf Ballroom — 460 N Shore Drive

October 4, 2018

Anamosa 10-12:00 p.m.
Lawrence Community Center — 600 E Main St.

Pre-registration is requested by selecting the location and time that work best for your schedule. Register today:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityCatalyst

Questions may be directed to Jim Thompson, 515.348.6183 or email catalyst@iowaeda.com.

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