



HISTORIC FACADE GRANT GUIDELINES

Sponsored by the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association

DESCRIPTION

The Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association Historic Facade Preservation Grants are designed to protect and enhance Bloomington's historic character by preserving and rehabilitating its historic downtown environment and maintaining structurally sound places of business.

Financial assistance is available to qualifying business in the form of a grant of up to ten-thousand dollars per application with a limit of twenty-thousand dollars per organization per calendar year.

ABOUT THE BLOOMINGTON URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION (BUEA)

The mission of the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association is to provide the means to improve the economic, physical and social environment for zone residents and businesses. The geographic boundaries of the Zone can be found at <https://data.bloomington.in.gov/dataset/bloomington-urban-enterprise-zone-maps>. Since its establishment by Indiana State Code 1992, the BUEA has created and retained hundreds of jobs and spurred millions of dollar in increased investment in the area.

ELIGIBILITY

All commercial, industrial, or residential investment properties on the local historic survey and properties determined to be historic by City Staff within the Bloomington Urban Enterprise Zone are eligible to receive grant assistance for exterior rehabilitation. Applicants should consult with the Historic Preservation program manager of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, City of Bloomington to ensure that their property is eligible for grant funding.

PROGRAM DETAILS

BUEA staff will review pertinent financial information submitted by the grantee and complete a feasibility analysis. The grant may be up to **\$10,000.00** per application. Funds may be used towards the cost of the actual facade rehabilitation, stabilization, weatherization, or other activities deemed appropriate by staff. Funds may also be used for historically accurate signage. In addition, up to **\$500.00** of grant money may be used for expenses related to the design and/or engineering of the project. Please note that funds may not be used for indirect costs! These include shipping, travel, project management, etc. Also note that the application for a facade grant may be denied if the building has significant structural deficits, as determined by an inspector with the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department.

ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

If you have questions, want further information, or wish to apply for a grant, please contact the historic preservation program manager at the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Development at 812-349-3507.

After contacting the historic preservation program manager, applicants should submit the following to the historic program manager:

- Completed grant application.
- Elevation drawings that detail the project scope
- Current photographs of the building exterior.

Staff will submit applications to the BUEA Board with a recommendation for approval or denial. If staff rejects an application, applicant may directly appeal the decision to the Board.