

SIGN / AWNING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Eligibility: Commercial and Mixed Use properties within the defined boundaries of the Lawrenceburg Main Street district are eligible for this program. The district extends from US50 south to the Levee bounded by Tanners Creek on the west and the Casino on the east and the area north of US50 to the Greendale boundary bounded by Tanners Creek on the west and Front Street on the east. Commercial property owners may apply for a grant once every 5 years. Previously completed projects are not eligible for funding.

Application Information: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and may be submitted by the property owner or the tenant. If submitted by the tenant, the application must include the approval by and signature of the property owner. Submission of an application does not guarantee that a project will be funded. Applications will be reviewed by the Lawrenceburg Main Street Design Committee and passed on with a recommendation to the Main Street Board for final approval. The approval process may take up to 4 to 8 weeks.

Maximum Amount of Grant: Applicants may apply for grants up to \$3000 providing all eligibility and match requirements are met and grant funding is available.

Owner Investment: For every \$3 of grant funding, the grant recipient must provide a match of \$1. Based on this formula, projects of up to \$4000 would require a \$1000 investment from the owner in order to receive \$3000 in grant funding. Labor performed by the owner or tenant on the project may not be counted as in kind matching funds.

Permitted Projects: The following sign and awning projects are eligible:

New or refurbished signage

New or recovered awnings

Please Note: Applications may include either a sign or an awning request or a combined sign and awning request. In the case of a combined request, the maximum grant amount of \$3000 will still apply.

Appropriate Permits: Evidence of the proper permits must be included with the application. A Sign Permit as well as a Certificate of Appropriateness (for signs in the Historic District) must also be included. Please contact Mike Clark, City Planning and Zoning, 812-532-3554, for permits and certificates. Failure to comply with permitting requirements will result in the withholding of grant funds.

Project Timelines: All projects must be completed within a 6 month time limit and all invoices for funded projects submitted to the Main Street office by December 15th of the calendar year.

Distribution of Grant Funds: Grant funds will be distributed only after the recipient has expended their portion as per the signed grant agreement and the project has been completed. The recipient may be reimbursed for appropriate expenses only upon presentation of paid invoices and proof of payment (such as cancelled check, valid receipt). Lawrenceburg Main Street reserves the right to inspect completed work before issuing payment.