

SPRINGFIELD AREA MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR GRANT PROGRAM

The Springfield Area Merchants and Business Association (“SAMBA”) and Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. (“SPAR”), have established a Commercial Corridors Grant Program which is funded by SPAR. Matching Grants are available to members of SAMBA for projects improving the appearance of commercial property located within the Springfield Historic District.

The Grant Program will be administered by the Commercial Corridors Committee (“CCC”) of SPAR.

The Grant Program is intended to cover improvements such as painting, awnings, signage, window and/or door replacement, lighting, landscaping, planters, street furniture, bicycle racks, and restoration of historic features (including removal of inappropriately applied facades).

Criteria

- The property must be located in the Springfield Historic District.
- Applicant must be a member of SAMBA
- Applicant must submit its grant application prior to the commencement of the proposed work.
- Proposed changes will assist in creating a unified and attractive appearance for Springfield’s commercial corridors.
- All improvements must meet any applicable ordinances of the City of Jacksonville.
- The money is in the form of a grant, not a loan, and is available as follows:
 1. The grant will require a 50% match: the applicant will pay one half the cost of the project, and the grant will fund the remainder
 2. The minimum grant request is \$250 and the maximum request is \$2,500
 3. Grant funds will only be disbursed after the project has been completed
- Work on the project must begin within sixty (60) days after approval by the CCC and must be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after approval.

Review

Applications will be reviewed by the CCC to assure that the project plans are consistent with the intent of the Grant Program. Following the review of the application, the CCC will make one of the following recommendations: 1. Approved; 2. Approved with Changes; 3. Approved with Partial Funding; 4. Denied

For more information on the SAMBA Commercial Corridor Grant Program, please contact SAMBA at samba@sparcouncil.org.

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COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Business: _____

Property Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Property Owner's Name: _____

Property Owner's Address: _____

Property Owner's Telephone and / or Email: _____

Please attach the following:

- Description of proposed work
- Photographs clearly showing existing conditions
- Budget for proposed project
- Rendering of completed project

AGREEMENT

I understand that if my request for funding is approved, I must follow the recommendations of the SPAR Commercial Corridors Committee and comply with the following:

1. All projects must be located within the Springfield Historic District
2. Monies are for exterior projects only
3. The grant will be disbursed only upon completion of work and following review of receipts and payments made to contractors / suppliers.
4. For projects where the Applicant is not the property owner, the Applicant must obtain approval in writing that the property owner concurs with the execution of the proposed work.

Signature

Date: _____

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Scoring Matrix

Grant applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Commercial Corridor Committee based on the following scoring matrix:

1. Projects with a total project cost of less than \$1,000 will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
2. The committee may add up to 3 bonus points for creativity / innovation.
3. Projects that include aesthetic rather than structural improvements will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
For example: a project that involves replacement of existing plate glass windows or a typical, non-decorative commercial door with similar, ordinary windows and doors will receive fewer points than a project that changes ordinary windows and doors to something with more character or one that adds decorative awnings.
4. Projects that reflect the historic character of the business district will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
For example: bonus points would be added for removal of non-historic stucco to reveal original brick
5. Projects with a significant positive visual impact will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
6. Projects that physically enhance the pedestrian experience will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
For example: street furnishings that provide seating; café tables for outside dining; awnings that provide shelter from rain; awnings or umbrellas that provide shade; landscaping that provides shade; attractive trash receptacles or bicycle racks would all receive bonus points
7. Projects related to a new/needed business type will receive 1 to 3 bonus points.
For example: a business type that currently does not exist in the historic district that will provide a needed service or positive, unique experience for visitors and residents will receive bonus points.
8. Projects will receive 1 to 3 bonus points for proximity to a major commercial corridor.
For example: businesses on 8th or Main Street are most visible to residents and visitors and will therefore receive the most bonus points.