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Marlin Downtown Business Renovation/Restoration Grant

Background

The Marlin 4B Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is implementing a Downtown Business Renovation/Restoration Grant (DBRRG) Program to provide assistance to local businesses in improving their properties. The purpose of this program is to promote the expansion and development of new and existing business enterprises within the city of Marlin Texas.

The MEDC will provide 20% (twenty) in matching funds, via reimbursement, to businesses who are seeking to improve or expand their commercial properties in downtown Marlin. The maximum grant is \$10,000 (ten thousand) per applicant, and the minimal expenditure to be considered for the program is \$20,000 (twenty thousand).

Eligibility & Consideration

To qualify for funding under this program, the applicant must meet all the following criteria:

- The business must be in the downtown areas of Marlin, as defined by the area bounded by Live Oak Street to Craik Street to Fortune-Coleman Streets to Walker Street, and must comply with all applicable zoning, land use, and other ordinances.
- Proof of the applicant's ownership of the facility, or proof that the owner of such facility has approved the application for grant funds, shall be required.
- The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining all applicable permits related to the project, and failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible to receive grant funding

*All work must be carried out in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.

- Applicant must submit a request for grant funding before starting the improvements mentioned in the application. Previously completed projects are not eligible for consideration.

- All grants are reimbursement grants and will only be funded after completion of the project in compliance with specifications approved by the MEDC.

- The improvements, as presented in this application, must be completed within twelve months. Requests for extension will require approval of the MEDC

*Failure to complete improvements and open the business establishment within the required period is considered a default and will result in the loss of funds granted.

- The landowner must have paid all property taxes due

- There is a limit of one grant award per twelve-month period per applicant.

- The MEDC is the sole and final authority in determining project eligibility for funding.

*Expenditure of the requested funds will require approval of the Marlin City Council

* If an applicant is awarded a grant for any work performed according to this program and the work is removed or altered for any reason within three years from completion of construction, the applicant may be required to reimburse MEDC for the full amount of the grant.

* All projects for which grant funds are requested under this Application are subject to the requirements of Section 505.158 of the Texas Local Gov't. Code.

Program Details

All commercial buildings and facilities located within the Marlin Downton area (as defined) when these guidelines are adopted shall be eligible for this program.

Funds will only be awarded to applicants improving a piece of property that has an existing structure in place at the time of program adoption

Rebates will be issued in the amount of 20% (twenty) of actual expenditures up to a maximum rebate of \$10,000 (ten thousand).

To be considered, the estimated cost of the improvement project must total at least \$20,000 (twenty thousand).

Improvement projects will typically consist of reconstructing, renovating or remodeling a building space (exterior and/or interior), resurfacing an outdoor parking area, and/or adding landscaping, or other similar projects approved by the MEDC

Non-permanent fixtures, furniture, and/or décor are not eligible for reimbursement.

Funding will be delivered only upon completion of the improvement project and submission of an invoice and proof of payment to the MEDC for verification.

Funding applications will be reviewed for approval by the MEDC board and will require authorization as needed for fund expenditures by the Marlin City Council.

During its evaluation of the application, the MEDC may contact the applicant to verify or clarify information. The applicant will then be notified, in writing, of the MEDC's decision to approve or disapprove the application.

Business Renovation/Restoration Grant Application

1. Applicant Information

Contact Name(s): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

Address of Applicant (if different)

Phone _____ Email _____

2. Information on Property Proposed for Business Renovation/Restoration Grant

Description of Existing Building Facades or Property (please attach image(s))

3. Description of Proposed Improvements (please attach sketches, plans, or other image(s)):

4. Estimated Total Cost of Improvements (please attach contractor bids):

5. How will this Grant improve and promote economic development within the City?

6. Number of jobs that will be created or retained:

7. Landlord Information (if different from applicant)

Property Owner/Landlord:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

8. Commitment

I agree to adhere to the Business Renovation/Restoration Grants program guidelines as established by the Marlin 4B Economic Development Corporation.

9. Please attach a completed W-9 for the applicant.

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date _____

Please return this application, images of current and proposed building property, to the Marlin Economic Development Corporation

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Approval by MEDC.

Date: _____