

Bellevue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant

PURPOSE

This grant is to provide an economic incentive to assist property owners in Bellevue's Taylor's Daughters and Fairfield Avenue Historic Districts to repair, restore, protect, and / or recreate important historic architectural elements of a property according to the Taylor's Daughters Fairfield Avenue Design Review Guidelines. Stabilizing, preserving and maintaining the integrity of Bellevue's historic district helps ensure the protection of our heritage and provides a proven economic development strategy.

This grant program is intended to encourage property owners to make improvements to their property using the highest standards in selection of materials and workmanship. Strict adherence to the guidelines and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation is required. The goal is to enhance or restore a property's contributing designation for the National Register Historic District.

GRANT TYPE

Projects are funded on a 50/50 matching basis with a maximum City participation of \$500 per project. These funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis after the completed work, receipts, and cancelled checks are reviewed and approved. Applications will be reviewed and scored by the Historic Preservation Officer and the Historic Preservation Commission.

ELIGIBILITY

- Property must be at least fifty (50) years old and located within Bellevue's Taylor's Daughters or Fairfield Avenue historic districts.
- Proposed projects must be approved by the Bellevue Historic Preservation Commission.
- Improvements shall be made utilizing the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Taylor's Daughters Fairfield Avenue Design Review Guidelines.
- All work shall meet all code requirements of the City of Bellevue.
- All contractors must hold a current City of Bellevue Occupational License.
- All work shall be done according to the parameters set forth in the Bellevue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Agreement.
- Projects must be completed within four (4) months from the date of the grant agreement.
- Members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Bellevue City Council, and City staff are not eligible to apply for this grant.

CRITERIA

When the National Register Historic District survey work was done properties fell into two categories: contributing and non-contributing based on the historic significance of the structure. Since then a number of properties have moved from contributing to non-contributing or had been originally designated as non-contributing due to the addition or treatment to properties including the loss of original architectural features; replacement or covering of original materials. The goal of this incentive is to improve contributing structures and have non-contributing structures become contributing to the historic district.

This incentive grant is not intended to be used for maintenance purposes that are the required responsibility of the property owner.

Suitable projects can include, but will not be limited to:

- The removal of artificial siding and the restoration of original wood
- The removal of inappropriate gutters and the creation of the appropriate style gutter (i.e. bx or Yankee)
- Removal of inappropriate replacement doors and the insertion of appropriate wood and glass doors
- The restoration of stained and or leaded glass
- The removal of replacement metal porch supports and the replacement of appropriate columns
- The creation of missing architectural features like brackets,
- The repair and replacement of missing wrought iron fences with wrought iron (not contemporary metals)
- Return porches, roofs, windows, masonry, and other features to their original configuration.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Consult with Bellevue's Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) regarding the project proposal for determination if the project is within the guidelines.
- HPO will determine if the structure is contributing or non-contributing.
- Following approval to apply, complete the Bellevue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Application and a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application.
- The application will include:
 - Detailed description of the project including list of materials and methods utilized.
 - Photographs of the project area.
 - Project sketches, if necessary.
 - Cost estimates.
- Attend the review of the grant and COA applications at the designated historic preservation commission meeting.
- Complete the work according to the eligibility requirements referenced above.
- Contact the HPO for final inspection of the work.
- Commission and HPO will review the work to determine if it satisfies all requirements.
- Applicants with approved projects will be asked to submit invoices and cancelled checks for reimbursement.

GRANT CYCLE:

Open enrollment for grant consideration begins on March 4, 2008. Applications will be accepted until available funds have been dispersed to projects. All funds are made available on a reimbursement basis and require submission of adequate support documentation and inspections of work in order to receive funds.



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City of Bellevue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Application Form

Applicant Information

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Applicant Signature:	

Property Information

Property Owner:	
Address:	
Number of years of ownership of this property:	

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Received: _____
Application complete _____
COA application complete _____
Meeting date _____
Applicant notified _____
Criteria score _____
Grant Status _____

Reason for grant denial or approval:

