



Downtown Poplar Bluff Revitalization Grant Application

Downtown Poplar Bluff finds that the protection, enhancement and preservation of downtown structures are necessary to promote the economic, cultural and general welfare of the public.

The mission of this program is:

To stabilize and improve property values

To strengthen the economy of the City of Poplar Bluff by protecting and enhancing the attractiveness of the downtown district.

Provide support and stimulus to business

To encourage development and redevelopment in the downtown district.

In order to facilitate the preservation of downtown, Downtown Poplar Bluff is offering incentives that will improve existing properties and new and existing business within the downtown district.

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- Eligible property must be within the downtown district.
- Applicants must agree to maintain the property in good repair for five years from the completion of the project.
- Property must be owner occupied or tenant occupied. In the case of a tenant occupied structure, the applicant must have the owner's consent. If leasing, the participant/applicant must:
- Have written approval for participation in the program from the property owner
- Have at least two years remaining on the lease
- Be in good legal and financial standing with the property owner. The participant/applicant must not have any major actual or pending criminal claims or bankruptcy filings
- All work must be completed in accordance with standard business and building standards and meet all City of Poplar Bluff permits and codes
- All taxes and other government fees and assessments must be current on the property
- Property cannot be subject to an Order for Demolition

Entities that are ineligible to receive funds include:

- Taxing entities

The grant is set up as a single payment immediately upon approval

Grants will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis until funds are depleted

Applications will be reviewed and awarded by the Downtown Poplar Bluff Board of directors. There cannot be a conflict of interest between board members and grant recipients.

If at any time problems occur relating to the quality of work or work is not completed in accordance with the specification outlined in the application, then funds must be returned to Downtown Poplar Bluff.

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Application Deadline: _____

Grant(s) will be Awarded: _____

Purpose of Revitalization Grant:

1. Remove Health or Safety Hazards on Downtown Property
2. Improve Curb Appeal on Downtown Property
3. Positive Impact on Downtown Economy

☐ \$5,000 Maximum amount to be awarded.

☐ Property must be located within the district of Downtown Poplar Bluff.

☐ Financial award will be distributed immediately.

☐ Submission of photos to describe improvements welcome.

☐ Award is intended for FUTURE improvements, not projects already completed.

Please attach photos of facade and any other pertinent views of the property for which improvement is proposed.

Applications must be submitted to:
Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Morgan McIntosh
1111 West Pine St • Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Application Date: _____

Property Address _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Property Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Primary Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Business Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Primary Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Has this property previously been awarded funding from Downtown Poplar Bluff? Y N

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Approximate age of building _____

If the building has historical significance, please describe:

Will the project be visible from the street? Y N

Describe how the completion of the project will positively impact the structure: _____

Target date for completion of project: _____

Is this building currently occupied and open for use? If no please estimate when it will open:

Does the business located inside this building generate sales tax? Y N

Will the business located inside this building have a positive impact on the community/
economy? Explain _____

How long has the business located inside this building been in operation? _____

If the building is leased, how many months are remaining in the contract? _____

Are there any outstanding taxes, fees or assessments on the building or the business? Y N
Describe: _____

Has the applicant ever filed for bankruptcy? Y N

Is the applicant a tax-exempt organization? Y N

Does the applicant carry property and liability insurance? Y N

**Please attach photos of facade and any other pertinent
views of the property for which improvement is proposed.**

Property Owner Signature: _____

Business Owner Signature: _____

By signing above, I acknowledge that the information in this application is true to the best of
my knowledge and I agree to the terms outlined.

Downtown Poplar Bluff Revitalization Grant Application SCORING

Award is based on project's potential to enhance character and economy of downtown Poplar Bluff.

Score the following criteria and total at bottom. 1=Low, 5=High

	Improves safety of building
	Improves integrity of building
	Lengthens life of building
	Business located inside building positively affects the economy of downtown PB
	Business located inside building draws customers to the downtown district
	Vitality of business
	Building is in use and occupied
	Potential to enhance downtown Poplar Bluff
	Overall financial feasibility
	Visibility of building
	Building location
	Historical significance of building
	New business
	Established business

_____ **TOTAL SCORE**