



2016 Town of Meeker Business Grant Program

The Town of Meeker's ability to provide quality municipal services and infrastructure to the Meeker Community is directly related to the economic success of the local business community. In order to assist the Town in meeting its economic goals, the Town in 2016 is again making available the Meeker Business Grant Program. This two-track program will provide grants to businesses via a competitive application review process.

TRACK 1: The Town will consider providing Site Enhancement Grants to businesses that wish to install traditional site improvements such as façade improvements, landscaping, and other architectural upgrades. (See page two for details)

TRACK 2: The Town will consider Economic Development Grants to businesses that undertake capital investments (excluding working capital) that bring one or more of the following to Meeker:

- Addition of jobs to the local economy
- A unique amenity
- A region of draw to the Town Core or other Commercial District
- Diversification to the Town's economic base (See page three for details)

Grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000 however, applications in excess of \$5,000 may be considered for projects that provide exceptional benefit. Grant requests should include matching funds from the business in the amount of **50%** of the total project cost. The Meeker Town Council has allocated \$50,000 to fund the Meeker Business Grant Program in 2016.

The 2016 Meeker Business Grant Program Application Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on May 6th, 2016. Applications are available at Town Hall and on the Town's Website. **Applicants are required to review their proposed projects with Town staff prior to application submission to gain an understanding of any Town codes that may be relevant to a particular project.** Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall.

Grant awards will be announced no later than June 10th, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the Town of Meeker Business Grant Program, please call (970) 878-5344.



Site Enhancement Grants

Site Enhancement Grants are provided to improve the appearance of individual businesses, which helps to provide an improved image for the Town's business community as a whole.

Guidelines

1. Site Enhancement Grant preference will be given to site improvements that provide the most significant visual improvement over current conditions as seen from public streets and trails.
2. All properties located in commercially zoned areas are eligible to apply. (Applicants must be in good standing with the Town, properties with outstanding code violations, delinquent sales taxes or past due Town utility bills are not eligible to apply).
3. Proposed site improvements must meet all current Town Codes.
4. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all building and other required permits before any project work commences.
5. Eligible improvements include but are not limited to:
 - a. Architectural Enhancements
 - b. Lighting
 - c. Landscaping and Parking Area Improvements
 - d. Permanent Signage
6. Grant Funds will be provided to a business upon completion of their project. Upon completion of the grant project a business must provide copies of all paid invoices, including copies of cancelled checks and/or credit card receipts to receive grant funds. Funding timing may be adjusted, for instance 50% up front and 50% upon completion, if specific project constraints warrant.
7. Grants are available to owner or tenant (if tenant applies, a minimum of two years must be remaining on lease, or an option to renew current lease, and written landowner permission must be provided.)
8. All businesses must receive grant approval prior to beginning improvements to be eligible to receive grant funding reimbursements.
9. Site improvement work must be completed within six months of approval; reimbursements must be completed before December 31st.
10. Projects selected for grant funding may be featured in Town promotional materials.

Economic Development Grants



Economic Development Grants are designed to provide funding for businesses that make capital investments which assist the Town in meeting overall Economic Development goals including;

- Addition of jobs to the local economy
- Providing a unique amenity to the community
- Providing a regional customer draw
- Addition of vitality to the Town Core or other commercial district
- Diversification of the Town's economic base

Guidelines

1. Economic Development Grant preferences will be given to grant applications that most clearly demonstrate capital investments which are directly linked to the addition of jobs in Meeker.
2. All businesses located in commercially zoned areas within the Town limits are eligible to apply. (Applicants must be in good standing with the Town. Properties with outstanding code violations, delinquent sales taxes or past due town utility bills are not eligible to apply).
3. Proposed capital investments must meet all current Town Codes. The applicant is responsible for obtaining all building and other required permits before any project work commences.
4. Eligible uses of Economic Development Grants include, but are not limited to, new construction of building/fixed assets and building expansion.
5. Grant funds will be provided to a business upon completion of their projects. Upon completion of the grant project a business must provide copies of all paid invoices, including copies of cancelled checks and/or credit card receipts to receive grant funds. Funding timing may be adjusted, for instance 50% up front and 50% upon completion, if a specific project constraints warrant.
6. Grants are available to owner or tenant (if tenant, a minimum of two years must be remaining on lease, or an option to renew current lease, and written landowner permission must be provided.)
7. All businesses must receive grant approval prior to making capital investments to be eligible to receive grant funding.
8. Capital investments must be completed within six months of approval; all reimbursements must be completed before December 31st.
9. Projects selected for grant funding may be used in Town promotional materials.