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PhillCo Economic Growth Council

Store Front Beautification Grant Application Guidelines

Updated 2018

PhillCo Economic Growth Council is announcing the extension of a grant program that began in 2012. The purpose of the "Store Front Beautification Grant Program" is to enhance the street-side appearance of your business, encouraging visitors to stop and shop in Phillips County and improve the local perception of Phillips County Main Streets.

Grant Results

Between 2012 - 2017, twenty-seven (27) businesses were awarded over \$50,000 for projects totaling nearly \$323,000.

This is a matching grant program.

Projects will be funded up to 50% of individual beautification project total costs, with a maximum award of \$2,500.

To be eligible for one of these grants, improvements must be made by the property owner or the business owner with the property owner's written approval. Grant application are welcome from businesses with store fronts in Phillips County or destination/tourist locations in Phillips County.

Eligible uses include signage, lighting, landscaping, trees, non-advertising decorative banners, awnings, murals, physical improvements and more. **With your application, please provide a picture of the property and the property owner's written permission, if applicable.**

If your project is chosen for funding, it must be completed within one year of the date on your notification letter. Extensions may be granted upon request.

All projects must meet State and City/Town zoning regulations or County zoning regulations in effect at your location if you are outside of City/Town limits. All required building permits must be in place before commencement of the project.

Funds will be dispersed upon **total completion** of the project if the following requirements are met:

- Provide a photo of the improvements.
- Fill out a short, one-page final report at project completion and provide copies of receipts/invoices for labor and materials that grant funds will be applied to.

PhillCo retains the right to question, alter, or reject any claim they may deem inflated or unreasonable.

Your application for grant funds implies your acceptance of these requirements. Failure to provide these materials upon completion of your project will nullify this contract and disallow you from collecting any grant funds.

PhillCo retains the right to publish a Public Service Announcement when the funds are awarded and at the project's completion. Business owner must also be willing to feature project in the "PhillCo Quarterly News" and at the PhillCo Annual Meeting.

**Return completed applications to:
PhillCo Economic Growth Council
Attn: Pam Smith Wolsey
P.O. Box 1637
Malta, MT 59538
406-654-5525**

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Please describe your project funding sources and uses:

Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
SOURCE	AMOUNT	USE	AMOUNT
Total Sources of Funds:	\$	Total Uses of Funds:	\$

Authorizing Statement:

I hereby declare that the information included in, and all attachments to, this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further declare that, on behalf of _____ (Business), I am legally authorized to enter into an agreement with PhillCo Economic Growth Council if a grant is awarded. I further declare that if a grant is awarded, the grant will be used to fund the beautification project described above.

I understand that no grant funds will be released until Final Project Report and receipts/invoices for all labor and/or materials have been submitted for review.

Property/Business Owner

Date