



City of
Moundsville

**APPLICATION FOR THE
DOWNTOWN MOUNDSVILLE
BUSINESS INTERIOR
IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
(JEFFERSON AVENUE FROM
SECOND TO FIFTH STREET)**

**GRANTS UP TO \$2,500.00
NO MATCH REQUIRED**

Business Name _____

Amount Requested _____

In 2024, the City of Moundsville was selected as one of three new “On Trac” communities through the West Virginia Office of Economic Development. On Trac is a downtown revitalization program and community development model that focuses on enhancing and supporting the unique character of the downtown business district. As our first initiative, we are pleased to announce the Downtown Moundsville Business Interior Improvement Grant Program. This grant is designed to assist businesses in upgrading their interior spaces to enhance the customer experience, improve the appearance and functionality, or complete renovation projects.

The grant will cover material and labor costs up to \$2,500.

Businesses in our Downtown Moundsville district (Jefferson Avenue from Second to Fifth Street, including the Strand Theatre) can apply for funding to help with various interior upgrades, including but not limited to:

- Renovating or modernizing interior spaces
- Updating or replacing flooring, lighting, and fixtures (permanent only)
- Enhancing accessibility features
- Improving customer service areas
- Enhancing visual appeal

All businesses that apply and are deemed qualified will receive a one-time financial grant of up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 to assist with INTERIOR upgrades. We encourage all eligible businesses to apply for this exciting opportunity to improve their interior spaces and contribute to the growth and vibrancy of Jefferson Avenue. Please refer to the official grant guidelines for detailed information about the application process, eligibility, and funding limits.

Any questions regarding eligibility or project can be directed to the City Manager's Office at 304-845-6300. When the application is completed, return it to the City Manager's Office, addressed to Downtown Moundsville Interior Grant Program, City of Moundsville, 800 6th Street, Moundsville, WV 26041. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the 10th of each month until all allocated program funds are exhausted. The application will be reviewed by the City Manager and then forwarded for final approval by the Downtown Moundsville Committee.

PROCESS

Upon receipt of the application, an approval process will begin. The City Clerk's Office will review the applications and ensure it is complete and correct. The application will then be forwarded to the Building Inspections Department and the Downtown Moundsville Board. All applicants will receive written notice of the decision. Receipts of purchase, quotes, and documentation will be required.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants include owners or renters of commercial properties and owners or renters of businesses located in the Downtown Moundsville district. Business owners who are leasing a building for which structural

improvements are proposed must submit an Owner Consent Form with their completed application. All applicants (based on owner, address, and/or tenant) must be current on all city-related bills including water, sewer, stormwater, garbage, municipal fee, public safety fee, Business & Occupation taxes, and must have a current City License. The Committee reserves the right to deny funding to applicants who are delinquent on any fees or have any judgements, liens, or delinquent payment arrangements. Previous On Trac/ Downtown Moundsville grants must be finalized before an award from this round of funding will be considered.

- **Eligible Areas:** The eligible area is defined as the Downtown Moundsville district (further defined as Jefferson Avenue between Second Street and Fifth Street, including the Strand Theatre).
- **Eligible Expenditures:** For purposes of this program, eligible improvements include interior improvements only. No reimbursement will be made for any expenditure deemed ineligible during the approval process. Improvements must be consistent with recommendations set forth in any applicable master plans for the area in which the property is located.

GENERAL RULES

All work must be completed by licensed contractors (if applicable), legally operating in the City of Moundsville. The applicant is responsible for obtaining necessary building/site permits for all work. Applicants should contact the City's Building Inspection Department for assistance with permits, and contractor licensing. All contractors are responsible for paying any project related Business & Occupation Tax. Any work to be done by the owner would be handled on a case-by-case basis but would require quotes from material suppliers with the application.

In no event shall the City be obligated to provide any assistance awards that would exceed the allocated amount for this purpose.

Any physical work commenced or completed by any program participants prior to the issuance of a "Notice to Proceed" by the City Manager is ineligible for any award(s) pursuant to the program.

Additional Grant Guidelines

1. The entire application must be completed. Application will be returned if there are any blanks or unanswered questions.
2. Estimates must be included with documentation.
3. Business must be current on all city accounts, including:
 - a. Garbage
 - b. Municipal Fee
 - c. Public Safety Fee
 - d. Water/Sanitary/Stormwater
 - e. Business & Occupation Tax
 - f. City License

- g. Citations
- h. Judgements
- i. Payment Arrangements

- 4. Owner must secure a Building Permit and follow all applicable codes, if project requires.
- 5. Work shall be done by a contractor (if applicable) who must have state and city contractor licenses and be current on all Business & Occupation Taxes. If the owner completes the work, there will be no payment for labor.
- 6. Building Inspectors will complete a final inspection when work is finished. Total project receipts must be turned in to the City Manager's Office showing expenditure of grant funding, within seven days following completion of work. All work must be completed four months from the award letter date.

PLEASE START THE APPLICATION ON THE NEXT PAGE

APPLICATION SECTION

WHO IS APPLYING	BUSINESS OWNER BUILDING OWNER
BUSINESS NAME	
BUSINESS OWNER'S NAME	
PHYSICAL BUSINESS LOCATION ADDRESS	
BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	
BUSINESS OWNER'S PHONE NUMBER	
BUSINESS OWNER'S E-MAIL	
PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
TYPE OF TENANCY	OWN RENT LEASE
LENGTH OF TIME AT THIS LOCATION	
LENGTH OF LEASE TERM (IF APPLICABLE)	
OCCUPANCY OF STREET LEVEL FLOOR	FULL VACANT

ARE YOU CURRENT ON THE FOLLOWING CITY BILLS?		
WATER AND SEWAGE	YES	NO
STORMWATER,	YES	NO
GARBAGE	YES	NO
PUBLIC SAFETY FEE	YES	NO
MUNICIPAL FEE	YES	NO

BUSINESS & OCCUPATION TAX	YES	NO
BUSINESS LICENSE	YES	NO
DO YOU HAVE ANY OUSTANDING UNPAID PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS, CITATIONS OR JUDGEMENTS? (If no, all accounts must be current to apply.)	YES	NO

1. What type of interior improvements are to be made? Please describe in detail.
(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

2. Please provide a cost estimate. (Example: interior paint cost, display cases cost, etc.).
Attach quotes from the location where you plan to purchase the items.

3. Who will be doing the work? _____

4. Estimated Start and Completion Date? _____
(All work must be completed within four months of award letter date)

I acknowledge that the City of Moundsville, WV is obligated only to administer the grant procedures and is not liable to the applicant, owner or their parties for any obligations or claims of any nature growing out, or arising out of, the application or project undertaken by the applicant and/or owner.

- I acknowledge that all of the information I provided in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.
- I acknowledge that I will use grant funds for the allowable reasons and will provide documentation of expenditures.
- I agree to have this project complete, inspected, and receipts turned into the City Clerk's Office within 120 days of award. Any need for a longer time will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Signatures:

Applicant	Date
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Co-Applicant	Date
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OFFICE USE ONLY

Task	Yes/No	Signature	Date
Date Application Received			
Review Process			
• Is Garbage Bill Current?			
• Is Municipal Fee Current?			
• Is Public Safety Fee Current?			
• Is Water/Sanitary/Stormwater Current?			
• Are there any Unpaid Citations?			
• Are there any Unpaid Judgements/Liens?			
• Is Business & Occupation Tax Current?			
• Is City Business License Current?			
• Are Any Payment Arrangements Current?			
Building Inspectors Review and Comments. Approval to Move Forward?			
City Manager's Approval			
Amount of Grant Approved			
Grant Expended, Include Check #			

Comments:
