

MAIN STREET IOWA CHALLENGE GRANT



Main Street Iowa Challenge Grants are available for brick-and-mortar building projects that contribute to the development of designated [Main Street Iowa districts](#). Highly competitive applications include:

- Comprehensive building rehabilitation projects that provide increased business, housing or job opportunities.
- Projects that incorporate quality design and preservation-based strategies.
- Projects that support local revitalization efforts and stimulate additional district investment.
- Projects that are well planned and achievable within the two-year grant contract period.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible

- Building Rehabilitation and/or restoration, including, but not limited to:
 - Façade improvements (front, rear and side)
 - Interior Rehabilitation (first floor commercial and upper story housing)
 - Structural repairs and building system improvements
 - Single specific phase of a large rehab. The project must have a specific defined focus and clearly identified scope of work, with commitment to future phases demonstrated.
- Compatible new construction
- Multiple properties with a common need or issue committed to a mutually agreed upon improvement (e.g. a series of rear entrances visible from a parking lot, the removal of inappropriate slipcovers/siding materials, façade restoration for a number of buildings, etc.)

Ineligible

- Projects involving public government buildings or religious facilities
- Projects involving building demolition or deconstruction



Bank Building, Avoca

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Maximum grant awards will be \$100,000. Minimum grant awards will be no less than \$25,000.
- A 1:1 match is required. In-kind contributions are permitted for no more than 35% of the project match. In-kind match must be documented, professional services.
- Building project must be located within the local Main Street District boundaries as of January 1, 2021.
- The local Main Street program must be the grant applicant on behalf of the property owner(s). Only one application per local Main Street program is allowed.
- Applications are available online at www.iowagrants.gov

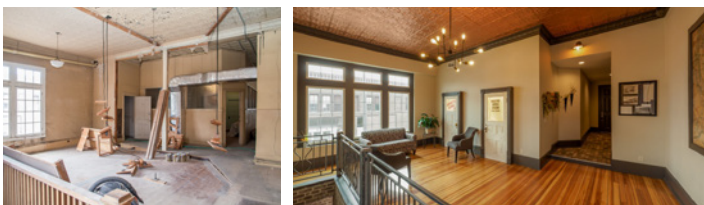
APPLICATION TIMELINE

July 1, 2021	Applications Released
September 9, 2021	Applications Due
October 20, 2021	Award Announcement

QUESTIONS?

Consult with the local Main Street office regarding local application requirements, selection process details and program deadlines.

Questions regarding program eligibility and applications can be directed to Maia Fiala Jessen, Main Street Iowa Design Coordinator, at maia.jessen@iowaeda.com or 515.348.6179.



Claussen's Upper Story, Le Mars



Broulik Building, Mount Vernon