

# **Kimball Main Street Design and Improvement Incentives**

## **Sponsored by the City of Kimball; Economic Development Program LB840**

**GOAL:** To improve the appearance of local business establishments

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** Businesses can receive up to 50% to 70% in matching funds as an incentive for doing improvement to the exteriors of their building. Funds will be earmarked and numbered as applications are approved, disbursements will not proceed until work is completed. Businesses may receive the following funds based on a matching “dollar-for-dollar” program.

- 70% for Contractor and Supplies in a 25-mile radius of Kimball
- 60% for Contractor and Supplies purchased in the 11 Counties of the Panhandle
- 50% for Contractor and Supplies purchased outside of the above-mentioned areas

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Any business or organization located within the corporate limits of the City of Kimball. Business owner must own building, or permission must be secured in writing from property owner.

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Paint and primer (and associated specific supplies)
- Siding
- Signage
- Lighting
- Awnings
- Sandblasting of brick
- Point tucking and brick repair (exceptions shall be made in the situation where actual work is incidental to rest of project and is done in order to better secure signage, decorative corbels, architectural enhancements or awnings.)
- Painting or brick unless previously painted
- Sidewalks
- Parking Lots
- Exterior Doors
- Gutters or drains
- Chimneys
- Roofs
- Website Design (this can be considered a businesses “Façade”)
- Window replacement (exceptions may be made for new windows that result in a significantly different and improved appearance from the street.)
- Permanent landscaping
  1. (This includes trees, bushes, flower boxes, and ‘hardscape’ elements such as retaining walls or screening fences. Landscaping activities that are not included are sprinkler systems, well systems, sidewalks/walkways, flowers, etc.)
- You are eligible to receive credit for up to \$500 for labor performed by yourself, friends or family.
  1. (Tasks shall be outlined, work must be of professional quality, and your initial application must include this as part of the overall cost of project.)
- You are eligible to receive up to \$250 for professional architectural renderings done by a professional of your choice.

**NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY INDICATED:**

- Any interior work (exceptions shall be made for removing interior covers or walls on transoms/decorative glass that results in a different appearance from the street.)
- Not available to home-based businesses

**PARAMETERS AND ADDITIONAL RULES:**

1. Total project must be \$300 or more.
2. Sales tax, building permits fees, inspections are not considered part of overall project cost.
3. Applicant must fill out the attached form indicating your project, cost, and timeline.
4. If applicant is unable to complete work, or contract with a craftsman, within 90 days, then applicant must contact the committee chair and inform them that an extension is required. Extensions may be granted for an additional 90 days twice. (For a total of 270 days to complete the work.) After that, if there are still available funds, applicant may reapply.
5. Applicant shall attempt to use local contractors (those that do receive a larger match).
6. Applicant shall endeavor to secure materials locally (if possible and practical.)
7. Applicant shall be prepared to provide receipts showing purchases.
8. No materials or work will be considered part of the grant project until the application and work project are approved and applicant has been notified. (Credit may be given for projects initialed up to 60 days prior to program approval; however, applicant does so at risk of not being reimbursed for this work.)
9. Applicant shall attempt to honor general maintenance guidelines on historic building when possible or practical. (In brief, that includes not painting bricked surfaces that have not been previously painted, no sandblasting of existing paint on brick, and proper materials for tuck point procedures.)
10. You should attempt to honor historically correct color for the time of your building. The Design Committee will approve all colors. (Obviously, colors for building constructed in the 60's will be different than the colors of our Victorian buildings.)
11. A reminder that interior repairs are not permitted to be part of the project for this year's incentives. Funds for those projects may be available in future years.

**PROJECT COMPLETION:**

All projects must be completed and verified by committee before rebate will be issued.

**COMMITTEE:**

Committee will be established by blending representatives from downtown business, LB840, Main Street, and Partners. There shall be a minimum of 5 committee representatives and a maximum of 7. Committee decisions shall remain final unless appealed in writing and facts provided as to why the decision shall be overturned.

**PROCESS:**

Applicant shall fill out form and submit to City Economic Development Director who will then submit to committee chair. Applicant shall be prepared to attend approval meeting and offer samples, sketches/drawings/ or explanations of work. Committee will approve and indicate whether your project is approved and at what level. At that time applicant will be notified that the project grant request will be submitted for City Council final approval. After City Council approval the successful applicant will be notified and then work may commence and supplies procured. Existing supplies may be used but receipts will be required if you wish to receive credit as part of the project. Note: if you choose to pre-purchase supplies, you shall do so at your own risk that your project may not be approved due to fund availability or project non-adherence.

**FINAL STATEMENT:**

No personal or business 'financials' shall be required. Project is based on improving the appearance of commercial properties. However, committee reserves the right to ask for confirmation that business will be able to secure matching funds. Receipts and proof of work will be required.

