

**Legislative and Economic Development Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2021 5:00 PM**  
**Crete Library/Community Center**  
**1515 Forest Ave.**  
**Crete, NE 68333**

**1. Open Meeting**

- In accordance with Nebraska law, a copy of the Open Meetings Act can be found in the back of the Council Chambers.
- Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order.

**2. Roll Call**

- Attendance of members will be recorded to determine the presence of a quorum for official actions.

**3. Items of Business**

- The Committee may discuss or limit discussion on, hear testimony in favor of or in opposition to, or take action to provide a recommendation to the City Council on any matter presented under this title.
- A. Discuss and provide a recommendation to the City Council on The 1206, LLC's request for \$24,500 of LB840 funds for building renovation/rehabilitation expenses.
- B. Discuss and provide a recommendation to the City Council on adopting the 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program Guidelines.

**4. Officers' Reports**

- Reports may be given by the Mayor, Officers, Departments, or Councilmembers concerning the current operations of the City.
- No action can be taken on matters presented under this title except to answer any questions or to refer the matter for further action.

**5. Adjournment**

**Disclaimers & Notices**

- The Council may enter into closed session to discuss any matter on this agenda when it is determined that a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual (if such individual has not requested a public meeting) or as otherwise allowed by law. Any closed session shall be limited to the subject matter for which the closed session was called. If the motion to close passes, then immediately prior to the closed session the Mayor shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

Please Type or Print Clearly and Answer Each Question (If Question Does Not Apply – Mark N/A).

**Please Note:** The Information Contained in this portion of the document is Public Information and will **NOT** be Considered Confidential.

### A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Entity Applying for Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entity:  Start-Up  Buyout  Existing

If Existing, Number of Years in Business in Crete: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Business Classification: (Please Choose One)

- Retail  Manufacturing  Research & Development
- Headquarter  Telecommunications  Tourism
- Warehouse/Distribution  Government  Other

#### Business Type: (Please Choose One)

- Proprietorship  Corporation  Partnership
- LLC  Governmental Entity  Other

Does the Company have a Parent or Subsidiaries?  Yes  No

If Yes, Please List Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

**Ownership Identification:** Please List all Officers, Directors, Partners, Owners, Co-owners and Stockholders.

<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Ownership Percentage</i>

Which type of assistance is the entity applying for?

- Grant     
  Loan Guarantee If so, Lender? \_\_\_\_\_     
  Other

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the general purpose of the request (must be an allowed LB840/Economic Dev. Plan Project)?

- New Development   
  New Business Startup   
  Building Renovation   
  Public Works  
 Professional/Employee Recruitment   
  Promotion/Tourism   
  Job Training  
 Working Capital   
  Low - Moderate Income Housing   
  Workforce Housing  
 Technology   
  Plan Management   
  Technical Assistance   
  Equity Investment

Does the business qualify to receive any incentives from the State of Nebraska?  Yes  No  DK

Has the business applied for any incentives from the State of Nebraska?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Information: (FTE = Full-Time Equivalent = 2,080 Hours/Per Year)

Number of Existing Full-Time Equivalent Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Full-Time Equivalent Positions to Be Created: \_\_\_\_\_

Will all of the Full-Time Equivalent Positions be Physically Located within the City of Crete, their Two- Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction or on Land Held in the Name of the City of Crete?

- Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Company Employ Any Seasonal Employees?  Yes  No

If Yes, How Many: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Seasonal employees must work for at least three continuous months and the position must reoccur annually)

**B. PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Please provide a Brief Project Summary Description:

Use of Funds	Total Project Cost	Econ Dev Funds Requested
Land or Building Acquisition	\$	\$
Renovation/Rehabilitation	\$	\$
New Construction	\$	\$
Machinery / Equipment Acquisition	\$	\$
Business / Employee Recruitment Activities	\$	\$
Technology Costs	\$	\$
Small Business Development	\$	\$
Working Capital (Includes Inventory)	\$	\$
Job Training	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total Project Cost	\$	
	Total LB840 Funds Requested:	\$

**C. FUNDING SOURCES AND EQUITY INJECTION:**

If Borrowing, Name of Lender: \_\_\_\_\_

Loan Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Loan Term (Years): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Injected Into the Project by Business/Partners/Owners:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Funding Source(s) and Amount(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**C. PROJECT LOCATION:**

- |  |                              |                             |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Within the Crete City Limits?              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Within the Crete Two-Mile Jurisdiction?    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Land Owned by the City of Crete?           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Not Located in Crete but for area benefit? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

If Not in City Jurisdiction, please explain local benefit:

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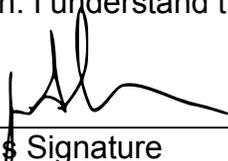
**D. ATTACHMENTS:** - Please Include the Attachments that Apply to Your Entity – See *checklist Page 5.*

**Please Note:** The Information provided pursuant to this Section **Will** be Deemed Confidential and will not be Available for Public Disclosure.

- Business Plan: Brief Description of the Business
- Resumes of all Owners/Co-Owners/Directors/Partners/Stockholders
- For Existing Businesses – Three (3) Yearly Financial Statements
- For Existing Businesses – Current Financial Statements (Less Than Sixty (60) Days Old)
- For Existing Businesses - List of Current Obligations (Include Company Names and Amounts)
- For Start-Up Businesses – Current Business Plan
- For Start-Up Businesses – Three Year Projections
- Tax Returns – Previous Three (3) Years – Personal Tax Returns May be Required for Proprietorship
- Letter from Lending Institution if applicable
- If a Corporation, LLC or Other Legal Entity - Copy of Organizational Documents (Articles, Bylaws)
- Please Note that Other Financial Documents May Be Required

**E. APPLICANT SIGNATURE:**

I certify that the information contained in this application and all attachments are correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I authorize the City of Crete or their contracted representative to check my credit and the credit of all who are listed within this application. I understand that I must update my credit information if my financial situation changes.



2/26/21

Applicant's Signature

Date



**City of Crete  
Downtown Revitalization Program**

**2020 Program Guidelines and Application Packet**

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## **PART I: PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the City of Crete's Downtown Revitalization Program is to rehabilitate and revitalize the buildings and structures located in Crete's historic downtown area in order to support existing businesses, to provide a healthy, vibrant downtown district, and to attract new residents, new businesses, and new investment

The Program's goals are:

- To prevent or eliminate slum and blight conditions by enhancing the aesthetic and historical qualities of the downtown district.
- To improve the economic potential of individual buildings and structures and the district as a whole and to strengthen property values.
- To improve access to first floor commercial properties and upper floor development.
- To create more desirable commercial and mixed-use buildings and structures.
- To protect residents, customers, and the physical environment by reducing life, health, and safety issues.
- To encourage investment and the location of more businesses and residents in the downtown district.

### **Funding Sources**

The program uses Community Development Block Grant funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, which may be combined with local funding from the City's local Economic Development Program. Interested applicants will need to apply for this funding separately. Information about the City's program and applications can be found on the City's website, [www.crete.ne.gov](http://www.crete.ne.gov), under Community and Economic Development.

All participants in this Program will need to provide private matching funds. More information about the required matching funds can be found in the Application Process section.

Participants are also encouraged to consult with the City and Nebraska's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine eligibility for other financing methods and means, including tax incentive programs. SHPO is available by calling 1-800-833-6747 or via email at [hpns@nebraskahistory.org](mailto:hpns@nebraskahistory.org).

### **Program Administration**

The Program will be jointly administered by the City and Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND). All applications must be submitted to: City of Crete, Downtown Revitalization Program, 243 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Crete, NE 68333.

## **PART II: APPLICATION**

### **Application Cycles**

The program will consist of two application cycles. The first application cycle will open on March 3, 2021 and close on April 20, 2021. Completed applications and all required application materials must be delivered to the City by 5:00 pm on April 20, 2021. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

The second application cycle will open on July 5, 2021 and close on August 20, 2021. Completed applications and all required application materials must be delivered to the City by 5:00 pm on August 20, 2021. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

### **Eligibility**

#### **Eligible Applicants**

To be eligible for an award, applicants must own or lease an Eligible Property that is located within the geographic boundaries of the Eligible Project Area. Business entity applicants (*e.g.*, corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships) must be authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska and must have an active, valid registration with the Nebraska Secretary of State. Applicants applying as individuals or sole proprietors must be lawfully present in the United States and must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form provided by the City.

Applicants that are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, placed in ineligibility status, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal agency are ineligible to receive an award.

#### **Eligible Properties**

Eligible properties are commercial or mixed-use buildings or structures located within the Eligible Project Area. The principal use of the property must be a commercial use, which means at least fifty percent (50%) of the total square footage of the building or structure is intended or used for commercial purposes. Buildings or structures that are not structurally sound are not eligible properties.

#### **Eligible Activities/Improvements**

Program funds may only be used for the following eligible activities:

- the preparation of a required property structural engineering overview;
- architectural plans and engineering specifications; and,
- the costs of building materials and construction labor for eligible façade improvements or to fix code violations.

Eligible façade improvements include:

- Restoration, renovation, replacement, or reconstruction of signage, awnings, windows, or doors.
- Brick, stucco, masonry, and exterior surface repair or restoration for the purpose of historic preservation.
- Repair, restoration, or installation of historic decorative details and other design features such as pediments, cornices, lintels, and bulkheads.

- Painting when combined with window replacement or the repair or restoration of brick, stucco, or other exterior surfaces for historic preservation.
  - Painting by itself is considered maintenance and program funds may not be used for maintenance activities.
- Miscellaneous façade improvements that are reasonably similar to those listed above.
- Any other activity that is approved by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

**Fixing Code Violations**

- Program funds may be used for costs associated with fixing municipal code violations.
- In order to be an eligible activity, the applicant must submit documentation from the City's Building Inspector that delineates the specific code violations and the required repairs.

Any activities that may be considered maintenance are ineligible activities under federal regulations. All repairs, improvements, or other work done must conform to all state and local building codes and design standards or the activities or improvements will be declared ineligible.

**Eligible Project Area**

All projects must be located within the area specified in the map below. This area is generally between Norman and Linden Avenues and 14<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets.



## **Assistance Details**

### **Maximum Grant Award**

The maximum amount that may be awarded for any project is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). Applicants may request any award amount up to the \$50,000 maximum. The City Council may grant an award that is less than the amount requested.

### **Matching Funds**

Applicants must provide private matching or other leveraged funds in the amount of at least twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost. For example:

- A proposed project that will cost approximately \$12,000 will require at least \$2,400 in private matching funds and will be eligible for an award of up to \$9,600.
- An award of \$50,000 (the maximum grant award) would require at least \$12,500 in private matching funds.

Matching and other leveraged funds must be expended during the grant period. Applicants are responsible for all costs that exceed the proposed total project cost.

## **Application Materials**

### **Application Form**

Applicants must submit a completed Application Form (found attached to these guidelines) and all required additional materials to City of Crete, Downtown Revitalization Program, 243 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Crete, NE 68333 before the close of the application cycle.

### **Additional Materials**

All applications must include the project-specific documents listed on the Application Form and must provide the following additional materials:

- Property ownership documentation or a copy of the applicant's current lease and a letter from the property owner authorizing the application and the work to be performed.
- A completed Proposed Property Improvement Plan. Any proposed activities or improvements must be consistent with the City's Design Standards and Guidelines. The Property Improvement Plan shall include a construction drawing of the property with descriptions of proposed activities or improvements and showing the approximate locations.
- Color photographs of existing façade on all exposed sides.
- Color photographs of specific areas where requested improvements would occur.
- Three (3) cost estimates from different independent contractors to verify the proposed costs are within reasonable parameters.
  - Applicants are responsible for preparing the project specifications, work-writeups, or other documents necessary to obtain cost estimates on the proposed project activities.
- Submission of all federal compliance items, including submission of appropriate SAM verification.
- US Citizenship Attestation Form, if required.

## **PART III: APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

### **Staff Review**

City Staff will initially review applications for completeness and to ensure that all additional materials have been submitted. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration. Applicants who submit incomplete applications before the close of the application cycle may be contacted about the deficiencies in their applications. Applications or parts of applications received after the cycle deadline will not be accepted.

City Staff will also verify property ownership/tenancy and check the status of property taxes, special assessments, or liens on the property, potential conflicts of interest, and building code/zoning compliance.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

No employee, officer, or agent of the municipality shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would exist. Such a conflict would exist when an employee, officer, or agent; any member of his or her immediate family; his or her partner; or an organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the above has a financial or other interest in the award. Conflicts of interest may also exist under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act or under federal regulations. Municipal employees, officers, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to subcontracts.

City Staff will review applications for any potential conflicts of interest. Conflicts that arise after an award of funds may be cause for the immediate revocation of the award and may result in penalties or sanctions under federal or state laws and regulations.

### **Code Compliance Review**

City Staff will review applications to determine if the proposed activities or improvements comply with the City's Commercial and Neighborhood Design Standards and other Building or Sign Regulations found in the Crete Municipal Code.

### **Structural Engineering Review**

Buildings or structures that are not structurally sound are not eligible properties. The City Building Inspector may require a structural engineering review to determine if a building or structure is structurally sound. If a review is required, the applicant may use the services of the City's Engineer or may use another qualified firm. All costs of the review shall be paid by the applicant; however, if the application is selected for an award, any reasonable costs associated with the review and report will be included in the total project costs.

### **SENDD Review**

SENDD will review applications to ensure the proposed activities or improvements meet federal and state guidelines and requirements and verify the applicants and any proposed contractors and subcontractors are not on the federal debarred, suspended, or ineligible list.

## **Council Committee Review**

The City Council's Legislative and Economic Development Committee will review all applications to determine how well the proposed activities or improvements comply with the Program Design Standards and will score applications based on the priority ranking system and selection criteria. This Committee will then make recommendations for award to the City Council.

## **Program Design Standards**

Where practicable, building and structure facades should be restored to the original period design for the building or structure:

- All unique historical features must be retained.
- If practicable, deteriorated architectural features should be repaired rather than replaced. If replacement is necessary, new materials should match as closely as possible in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities to the original.
- All repairs, replacements, and improvements shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to complement and accent the original qualities, character, and architectural features of the building.
  - The use of incompatible materials for reconstruction of facades is prohibited (for example: vinyl or metal siding, faux brick, asphalt or cedar shingles, plastic, fiberglass, and stucco).
- Non-original or incompatible exterior materials, such as stucco, vinyl, and aluminum, should be removed whenever possible.
- All accessories, signs, and awnings shall harmonize with the overall character of the building and area. All color schemes shall accent the building, as well as harmonize with the historic character of adjacent buildings.
  - Signs and awnings must comply with the City's Sign Regulations and should accentuate the period architecture.
- Replacement windows, doors, and glass should be similar in size, color, and reflectivity to the original.

## **Priority Ranking and Selection Criteria**

Priority shall be given to applications that propose activities or improvements that:

- Restore the building or structure facade in compliance with SHPO requirements.
- Bring the facade into conformance with the City's Commercial and Neighborhood Design Standards and the Program Design Standards; and,
- Fit the City Council's revitalization priorities and downtown district design vision and goals.

## **City Council Award**

The City Council will consider all applications and the Committee's recommendations at its first regularly scheduled meeting after the close of the application cycle and will make the decision to award or not award any project independently from the recommendation of the Committee. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require the City to grant an award to any project. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the applications.

## **Notification of Selection or Non-selection**

Within thirty days of the decision of the City Council, the City will notify applicants of award selection or non-selection by an official, written notice signed and dated by the Mayor. If the application was not selected for an award, the notification will inform the applicant of the reason for non-selection.

## **PART IV: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Grant Award Contract**

The City and award Recipients will enter into a grant award contract to ensure that the Recipient agrees to the conditions of the Program and understands its rights and obligations, including those obligations required by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The Recipient will be responsible for generating their own contracts, agreements, or other documents with any contractors or subcontractors hired by them. These agreements must be executed, and a copy provided to the City, prior to the disbursement of any grant funds. All contracts for rehabilitation work will be between the Recipient and their contractors or subcontractors; under no circumstances will the City enter into any contracts or other agreements with contractors or subcontractors.

### **Funding Terms**

All awards will be structured as conditional grants, the repayment of which will be required if the conditions specified in the grant award contract are not met. These conditions generally require the Recipient to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and program guidelines.

All rehabilitation work approved by the City under the Program must be completed within twelve months after the execution of the grant award contract.

### **SHPO and Historic Preservation Review**

The Property Improvement Plan provided with the application materials will be submitted to SHPO for review before a Notice to Proceed is issued. For properties identified by SHPO as having historic relevance, the Property Improvement Plan shall be adjusted to incorporate any reasonable recommendations of SHPO into the planned project activities or improvements.

### **Notice to Proceed**

The Recipient or its contractors must submit a copy of any required building, sign, or other city permits before a Notice to Proceed will be issued. The City has waived permit fees for work conducted in association with this Program. Once all reviews are completed, all required program documents are executed, and all city permits are obtained, the City will notify Recipients that their projects may begin by an official, written notice signed and dated by the Mayor. No project shall begin work prior to the date stated on the Notice to Proceed.

## **Procurement Process**

Recipients may select one or more of the contractors that provided the three (3) cost estimates to perform the proposed work or may rebid all or any portion of the work. Regardless of the contractor selected, Recipients will only receive reimbursement for eligible expenses up to the maximum amount awarded and will be responsible for all costs that exceed the proposed total project cost.

All contractors and subcontractors performing work under this Program must be authorized to transact business in the State of Nebraska, must have an active, valid registration with the Nebraska Secretary of State, and must meet all applicable requirements of the Nebraska Contractor Registration Act. Contractors or subcontractors performing work as individuals or sole proprietors must be lawfully present in the United States and must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form.

No contractor or subcontractor that has been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, placed in ineligibility status, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal agency or any applicable government debarment and suspension regulations may perform work as part of this Program.

## **Construction Process**

Once contractor verification is complete and the construction contract is signed, a preconstruction conference will be held with SENDD and the contractors to go over the federal labor standards that must be followed and the required paperwork that is needed.

All activities or improvements must comply with all applicable building codes, zoning ordinances, commercial and neighborhood design standards, and historic property requirements. Contractors are required to have inspections done by the Building Inspector whenever required by the City.

All grant funds will be disbursed as reimbursement for expenses incurred. Contractors must submit invoices to Recipients for payment and may choose to submit a copy to the City at the same time. Recipients must submit a copy of the invoice as well as verification of payment.

When it is determined that the quality of work is satisfactory to the Recipient and meets all city requirements, the City will reimburse the Recipient for eighty percent (80%) of the amount paid for eligible expenses up to the maximum amount of the grant award.

## **Compliance Review**

### **Compliance with DBRA/SAM/E-Verify**

Recipients and all contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with any applicable Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations, System for Award Management (SAM) requirements, and E-Verify requirements. It will be the responsibility of Recipients to ensure contractors and subcontractors are aware of these requirements.

Contractors are required to notify the City and SENDD of the dates they will be working on the project site. The City or SENDD will be on-site no less than one time for each contractor that has a contract exceeding \$2,000.00 and will conduct employee interviews to ensure compliance with Davis-Bacon Wage Rates.

For every week that a contractor or its employees are on the job, the contractor is required to submit Davis Bacon Payroll Certifications. These shall be submitted immediately after the applicable week ending date. No requests for reimbursement will be processed until all payroll forms have been received by the City or SENDD.

### **Compliance with Federal Laws and Regulations**

This Program and any project activities undertaken as part of this Program will comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 24 CFR Part 570, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

### **Compliance with State and Local Laws and Regulations**

This Program and any project activities undertaken as part of this Program will comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Civil Rights Act of 1969, the Nebraska Fair Employment Practices Act, Nebraska's Uniform Energy Efficiency Standards, and all regulations and program guidelines adopted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

### **Project Closeout**

#### **Final Inspection**

A final inspection will be completed by the City prior to project closeout to ensure the project was completed in compliance with the grant agreement and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines.

#### **Notification of Project Completion**

Upon a successful final inspection, the City will review the project file to ensure all program requirements have been met. If so, the City will issue a notification of project completion and closeout by an official, written notice signed and dated by the Mayor.

## **PART V: ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

### **Conflicts Between Agreements/Regulations/Guidelines**

In the event of any conflicts between any provisions of these Program Guidelines, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development's CDBG Administration Manual, any grant agreements entered into between the City and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development or between the City and the Recipient, and any federal, state, or local laws or regulations, the most restrictive or specific provision shall apply.

**Grievance Procedures**

All grievances or complaints regarding an award or non-award of funds must be submitted in writing to the City. A written response/determination will be provided to the aggrieved party within fifteen days after receipt of the grievance/complaint. If unsatisfied with the response/determination, the aggrieved party may appeal the decision in writing to the City Council for their consideration. The request for appeal must be received by the City within 15 calendar days of the initial decision. The City Council will set a hearing on the appeal within thirty calendar days after receipt of the request for appeal. Final written decision of the City Council will be provided to the aggrieved party within forty-five days after the hearing.

In the event of a dispute between the Recipient and a contractor or subcontractor, an independent mediator, agreed on by both parties, shall be selected. The mediator’s decision on the issue will be accepted as final by both parties.

**Environmental Review**

If required by federal or state regulations, properties will have a Tier II Environmental Review conducted. This review shall, at a minimum, include a review of onsite and nearby potential toxic substance contamination, the potential for adverse environmental impacts that disproportionately impact any minority of low-income populations within the community, and the impacts of the project activities on the historic nature of the property or adjacent structures.

**Process for Amending Program Guidelines**

These Program Guidelines can be amended only after review and approval by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and formal action by the City Council.

**PART VI: CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

The City of Crete’s Downtown Revitalization Program Guidelines and Application Packet were approved and adopted by the City Council on March 2, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PROGRAM TIMELINE AND IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Date/Deadline
First Application Cycle Open	March 3, 2021
First Application Cycle Closed	April 20, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Application Review	April 21 – May 3, 2021
Council Decision on Awards	May 4, 2021
Notice of Selection/Non-selection	By June 4, 2021
Notice to Proceed	As soon as possible after May 4
Second Application Cycle Open	July 5, 2021
Second Application Cycle Closed	August 20, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Application Review	August 23 – September 6, 2021
Council Decision on Awards	September 7, 2021
Notice of Selection/Non-selection	By October 7, 2021
Notice to Proceed	As soon as possible after Sept. 7
First Cycle Projects Completed/Closed-out	By June 30, 2022
Second Cycle Projects Completed/Closed-out	By October 31, 2022

# CRETE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

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## **PART I: APPLICANT**

### **Applicant Information**

**Applicant Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Business Information**

**Legal Name of Business or Entity\*:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\*Name used to register business with the State of Nebraska

**Principal Office Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PART II: PROPERTY**

### **Project Property Information**

**Property Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Square Footage:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Commercial Square Footage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Square Footage:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ownership Information**

**Owned**       **Leased**

**If leased:**

**Name of Property Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Beginning Date of Lease:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Termination Date of Lease:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A copy of the applicant's current lease and a letter from the property owner authorizing the application and rehabilitation activities must be submitted with the Application Form.

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**PART III: ACTIVITIES/IMPROVEMENTS**

Proposed project activities (please mark all that apply):

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of structural engineering overview                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of architectural plans   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of engineering specifications                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Code compliance renovations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of nonconforming items/materials                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign or awning repair/replacement    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brick and exterior surface repair or restoration                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Window or door repair/replacement    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Façade improvement: Historic decorative details or design features | <input type="checkbox"/> Façade improvement: Other            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): _____                                      |   |

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**PART IV: FINANCIAL**

Estimated total project cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funds requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sources of Matching Funds**

Applicants awarded funds through this Program are required to provide at least 20% of the total project cost. Please provide information on the source of these funds (mark all that apply):

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash on hand in checking, savings, or other                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank loan  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or gift from relative or private source other than a bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): _____                                  |

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**PART IV: AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE**

THE UNDERSIGNED, in applying for financial assistance from the City of Crete Downtown Revitalization Program:

- (i) agrees that, prior to receiving an award, he or she shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws to the extent that such are applicable;
- (ii) attests that he or she is currently in good standing with the City or will return to good standing before any release of funds; and,
- (iii) acknowledges and agrees to enter into or execute any additional documents required by the City, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Typed or Printed Name/Title)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

# APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS CHECKLIST

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## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL PROJECTS

- A completed and signed Application Form.
- Property ownership documentation or a copy of the applicant’s current lease and a letter from the property owner authorizing the application and the work to be performed.
- A Proposed Property Improvement Plan. Any proposed activities or improvements must be consistent with the City’s Design Standards and Guidelines. The Property Improvement Plan shall include a construction drawing of the property with descriptions of proposed activities or improvements and showing the approximate locations.
- Color photographs of existing façade on all exposed sides.
- Color photographs of specific locations where requested improvements would occur.
- Three (3) cost estimates from different independent contractors.

## ADDITIONAL PROJECT-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

### FOR SIGNS:

- Provide a color photo or rendering of the design chosen.
- Include specifications as to the size and width of the sign.
- Specify how and where the sign will be hung on the building.

### FOR AWNINGS:

- Provide information about color and style of awning chosen (color photo or rendering preferred if available).
  - o Note: Awning design must take into account the architectural style of the building.
- Specify how and where the awning will be placed on building.

### FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS:

- Provide details on windows or doors being replaced.
- Provide photo or rendering of desired windows or doors.

Additional descriptions or explanations, as needed:

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