

HISTORIC DISTRICT RESTORATION PROGRAM – May 2017

1. Rename Program

As redevelopment of existing structures continues along with anticipated future infill development within the Historic District, staff recommends renaming the program to the *Historic District Improvement Program*. This name better reflects the desired growth and enhancements essential for the long term viability of the Historic District. The term restoration is a preservation term that means to bring back to original condition. The proposed improvements are not solely restoration or rehabilitation of existing structures; they can include additions to existing structures, or a project to bring outdated utility and fire services, or accessibility issues into compliance.

2. Proposed Maximum Matching Funds – Sliding Scale up to \$15,000

<u>Proposed Project Budget</u>	<u>Maximum Reimbursement Match</u>
0-\$24,999	\$1:1 up to \$5,000 max.
\$25,000-\$49,999	\$7,500
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$10,000
\$75,000-\$99,999	\$12,250
\$100,000 and above	\$15,000

3. Proposed Program Scoring

A. Contributing/Non-Contributing & Integrity (High/Med/Low)

Contributing Structure/High & Med	10
Contributing Structure/Low	8
Non-Contributing Structure	6
New Bldg.	4

B. Type of Improvements

Existing Bldg. Façade/Roof/Found.	10
Existing Bldg. ADA/Elect./Plumb	8
Existing Bldg. Addition	6
New Bldg.	4

C. Estimated Project Budget

(\$50,000 and up)	10
(\$25,000-\$49,999)	8
(\$15,000-\$24,999)	6
(\$0-\$14,999)	4

Minimum score to qualify for program consideration – 20 points

A committee of 3 city staff will review and score each application. For any grant amount of \$15,000, the Historic Landmark Commission would have to make a favorable recommendation to City Council who has final decision on grant funding. It is anticipated that HLC would continue to make program funding decisions at \$14,999 and below.

4. Increase Eligible Improvement Types

- Interior ADA improvements that are part of the structure such as accessibility structures, elevators, restroom improvements and widening of doorways.
- Building/Fire Code Improvements such as electrical and plumbing upgrades and fire exits
- Complementary building additions

5. Program Budget

Consideration for expanding annual program budget to \$50,000 to provide additional funds for larger scale projects within the Historic District.