



Historic Landmarks Commission

2010 Historic Renovation Grant Program Information Sheet

The City of Cottage Grove has received a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to assist property owners with needed historic renovations. The Cottage Grove Landmarks Commission's renovation grant program will make these funds available to Downtown Historic District property owners or tenants desiring to make exterior rehabilitation or renovation improvements.

Eligibility:

- The building must be within the Downtown National Register Historic District. Preference will be given to "contributing" buildings; secondary preference to enhancement projects on "non-contributing" buildings.
- Projects must be on the exterior, but exclude new construction/additions.
- Projects must meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Grant Requirements:

Renovation or rehabilitation work shall be located on the primary façade of the structure or on a façade that is highly visible to the public. Structural improvements to preserve the integrity of the structure may also qualify.

A 1:1 match is required. Projects may receive 50% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$3,000 in grant funds, whichever is the lesser amount.

Work must be completed (and receipts turned in) by April 30, 2011.

Property owners will be required to sign **five (5) year preservation agreements** at the completion of the project. This agreement will stipulate that the results of the project must be maintained for the duration of the agreement.

Project work plans must be approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission and the State Historic Preservation Office before work may begin.

Building and specialty permits will be required for approved structural work as required by the Building Code.

Application Process:

If you are interested in applying for these grant funds, submit a Renovation Grant Application to the Community Development Department by **May 1, 2010**.

Applications and grant program guidelines are available at www.cottagegrove.org or from the Community Development Department, City Hall, 400 E. Main Street.