

Sterling Urban Renewal Authority

2010 – Building Improvement Grant Program & Application

The Sterling Urban Renewal Authority will consider applications for grants for building improvements on properties within its Downtown Sub-District. The Downtown Sub-District is defined as all properties within the boundaries of Front Street, Chestnut Street, North 5th Street, Main Street, S. 3rd Street, and Beech Street. (See attached map.) Owners of property within this area may apply for a grant to be spent on improving the building within the Downtown Sub-District through the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority. Non-profit, governmental, tax exempt property owners will not be eligible; however, private owners subject to property taxes will be eligible if a non-profit entity rents the property. Residential properties are not eligible.

To apply please submit a completed application along with copies of drawings, plans, color schemes, contracts for work, work estimates, or other applicable material for review and consideration by the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority. Please note that the material cannot be returned. All grants will be funded after the work is completed and applicable receipts have been provided for proof of cost. The grant WILL NOT reimburse for labor costs not completed by licensed contractors. All work completed must be reviewed by City building inspectors and completed in accordance with current building code requirements.

Preference will be given to applicants who represent the work will be performed by Logan County based businesses. The grantee agrees to maintain the completed improvements for a FIVE (5) year period, or to seek SURA approval for substantial changes. Each separate property will be eligible for ONE (1) grant during a THREE (3) year term.

The Sterling Urban Renewal Authority will review applications as they are received. Grant funds will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. The Sterling Urban Renewal Authority reserves full authority to approve or disapprove each application. All decisions will be final.

All applicants understand that the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority will not incur any liability for payment for work or reimbursement until an application has been approved by the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority. In addition, the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority will not be a signatory to any contract for work and should not be relied upon for credit purposes.

Program Parameters

Total Amount of Grant Fund:	\$50,000.00 each year
Maximum Amount of Each Grant:	\$15,000
Grantee Match Requirement:	\$1 for \$1

Grant Process

The grant application, review and approval process will generally follow the process outlined below. A Grant Advisory Committee, consisting of City of Sterling citizens, has been established to review all applications prior to review by the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority.

- Fill out application and provide all necessary supporting documentation as required by the application. Any applications that are submitted without the necessary documentation will not be considered.
- Application is reviewed by Grant Advisory Committee to ensure general conformity.
- Grant Advisory Committee recommends conforming applications to the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority.
- At the discretion Of the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority, applicant may be requested to present its application to the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority.
- Sterling Urban Renewal Authority reviews application to determine grant appropriation.
- Applicant and Sterling Urban Renewal Authority will enter into a Grant Agreement if the grant is approved.

This grant program is part of the Authority plan to address the objectives of the Downtown Sterling Urban Renewal Plan, as follows:

1. To remedy the existing blighted conditions by facilitating redevelopment of these parcels in a manner consistent with the Sterling Land Use Plan.
2. To encourage building site and façade design that enhances the historic character of the area.
3. To encourage coordinated development of parcels and structures in order to achieve efficient building design, multipurpose use of sites, unifies off-street parking and service arrangement and pedestrian linkages.
4. To encourage retail development within the Plan Area.
5. To provide handicapped access consistent with the Sterling Land Use Plan, and state and federal law.
6. To improve the economic strength of the Plan Area and the central business district by creating an attractive, well-designed environment to retain existing businesses and to attract new business to the area.

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Application TOTAL REQUEST: _____

Applicant: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property owner (if Applicant is a merchant/lessee): _____

Address of Work: _____

Description of Work (include all supporting documentation): _____

Estimated Start Date of Work: _____

Estimated Date of Completion: _____

Name & Address of Firm(s) Performing the Work: _____

I understand that the Grant Advisory Committee acting for Sterling Urban Renewal Authority cannot be held liable for any action regarding this application and that information provided is for the sole purpose of this application. I authorize the Committee to receive credit references in connection with this application and release the Committee and Sterling Urban Renewal Authority from legal liability in the use of credit reports and related information.

Applicant Signature: _____

Property owner as co-applicant (if applicant is merchant/lessee): _____

Date: _____

Please submit application and supporting documents to:

Sterling Urban Renewal Authority
PO Box 72
Sterling, CO 80751
(970) 521-7196 Attention: Rich O'Connell

Downtown Urban Renewal Area

