

Community Development Grant Program

Purpose: Encourage existing property owners and tenants to upgrade their buildings for public safety and accessibility for disabled persons. Enhancements of building exteriors increase public safety and improve the overall appearance of the facility, making it safe to the public and more accessible for persons with disabilities.

Program: This grant is available beginning March 1, 2017- September 30, 2017. All grants will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis. Grants will be a 50/50 reimbursable match for amounts not to exceed \$1,000.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be current member in good standing with the Jones County Chamber of Commerce.
- Building must be located within Jones County.
- Applicant must have current business license, operating a retail business, restaurant, service company, or offices, and employ fewer than 50 people.
- If applicant is not the building owner, he/she must have written permission from the building owner, signed and notarized.
- Applicant must comply with all state and local laws and regulations pertaining to licensing and permits.

Application Process:

- Complete Community Development Grant Program Application in its entirety.
- Submit to Jones County Chamber of Commerce by email to rosst@edajones.com or US mail to Post Office Box 527, Laurel, MS 39440.
- Application for the grant gives permission for Economic Development Authority of Jones County staff to visit the business for evaluation
- The application must be approved by the Jones County Chamber of Commerce Grant Committee
- The decision of the Jones County Chamber of Commerce will be final
- The grant recipient will photograph their business before and after the project is completed for the purpose of documenting grant expenditures. These photographs will be provided to the Jones County Chamber of Commerce and may be used without restriction to promote the grant program. Recipient must wait 365 days before applying to the program again

Community Development Grant Program Policy:

The grant committee will determine eligibility of all applicants. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the committee. If approved, applicants understand that all work performed is subject to development standards, building and property codes, and permit requirements.

Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Economic Development Authority, the Jones County Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Power Company, Dixie Electric Power Association, its successors and assigns from and against any and all third-party claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses arising out of or related to Recipient's use of the grant funds and any other obligations and representations under this Agreement.

JONES COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Grant Program Application

Date: _____

Applicant Name(s): _____

Business Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Street

City, State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

Street

City, State Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Desired Improvements: Describe improvements in detail. Photographs, sketches, and additional pages may be attached. Your estimated total project budget must be included.

Examples:

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| • Overall Cleaning | • Ornamental Elements |
| • Awnings | • Painting |
| • Lighting | • General Maintenance |
| • Enhancement for Public Safety | • ADA Improvements |
| | • Signage |

By submitting this application, applicants certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of the applicant's knowledge. Applicants are aware that information will be kept confidential.

Signature _____

Date _____