

MOUNT PULASKI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

1. Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning

The Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board (EDPB) was developed to encourage and facilitate economic development within the city of Mount Pulaski. The focus of the EDPB is to provide assistance and dedicated support to the Mount Pulaski City Council; along with aiding the city council to better utilize the Business District Tax thus furthering the goal of the Development and Redevelopment plan within the City of Mount Pulaski. The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to the Mount Pulaski Business District through businesses, organizations, and/or individuals by providing recommendations to the city council.

2. Application Process

Business District Grants may only be applied for and used if the business, organization, and/or individual(s) are located within the Business District Boundary Map (see attached); with the exception of city owned property (i.e. the baseball field).

Taxing-body entities may NOT apply for this grant.

The grant may not be used for paying bills, utilities, etc.

Application forms should be returned to:
Mount Pulaski City Hall, Attention: EDPB (Matt Bobell), Grant Application Form,
113 S. Lafayette Street Mount Pulaski, IL 62548

Application deadline: May 31, 2019.

All applicants who apply will be contacted to come before the EDPB and present their grant request. Meetings are held at the Mount Pulaski Courthouse Foundation building located at 124 Washington Street (next to the Farmers Bank) at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

All business district applications will be reviewed by the EDPB and rated with a numbering system to ensure fairness and order of importance. (see attached sample scoring form)

Upon approval from the EDPB, the application and recommendation will be sent to the Mount Pulaski City Council for official approval of funds. Applicant(s) will be advised of the city council's decision in a timely manner.

3. Goals

The proposed project(s) must meet one (1) or more of the goals in accordance to the Mount Pulaski Business District Development and Redevelopment Plan:

1. Encourage sound and stable commercial growth within the Business District and throughout the Business District.
2. Create a strong, positive image of the Business District by advertising its virtues as a place to live and work through various forms of communication, including, without limitation, print and electronic media.
3. Enhance basic infrastructure within the Business District by improving deteriorated streets, sidewalks and publicly owned utilities.
4. Create an environment that positively contributes to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Business District.
5. Eliminate the factors that qualify the Business District as a "blighted area" as defined in the Act.
6. Acquire property to utilize for business purposes if such acquisition will generate a positive outcome for Business District.
7. Eliminate economic underutilization of property in the Business District.
8. Reduce the level of unemployment prevalent in the Business District.
9. Improve the number, quality, and diversity of employment opportunities in the Business District.
10. Increase and enhance the property tax base and the sales tax base of the Business District.
11. Increase the attractiveness of the Business District as a place to do business through the implementation and encouragement of beautification projects involving the placement of benches, planters, decorative lighting and other public and private improvements.
12. Promote and stimulate private investment for retaining or attracting businesses which provide basic goods and services within the Business District.
13. Redevelop problem areas of the Business District.

4. Business District Grant Follow-up

Applicant(s) will have 60 days from the beginning of their project to provide this information. If more time is required, applicant(s) must petition for additional time from the EDPB. Please fill out the follow-up information (Business District Grant Application Follow-Up Form) and return to City Hall.

**Mount Pulaski City Hall
Attention: EDPB (Matt Bobell)
Grant Follow-up Form
113 S. Lafayette Street Mount Pulaski, IL 62548**

Along with the follow-up form, businesses, organizations, and/or individuals will need to provide proof of receipts and invoice(s) showing expenditures.

Please note: If the applicant(s) applying for this grant has previously received funds, proper post-project information must have been provided to the EDPB within the appropriate time of project completion.

Questions and/or comments?

Contact City Council Member, Matt Bobell, at 217.737.6387 or bobellmr@yahoo.com.

MOUNT PULASKI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization or Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Website and/or Facebook page Address:

Project Title and Location:

Number of goal(s) your project fits under: _____

Purpose/Goal of Project:

Community Impact/Benefit from project:

Estimated Cost of Project: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date (If known): _____

Is applicant located in the Mount Pulaski City Business District? Yes/No

Has applicant applied for funds through the EDPB before? Yes/No

Please note: taxing-body entities may not apply

Additional comments or information:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date of Approval: _____ Recommended Amount: _____ Application # _____

MOUNT PULASKI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION FOLLOW-UP FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization or Business: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Project Title and Location:

Estimated Cost of Project: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Amount Received: _____

Did your project goal(s) remain the same? Yes/No

If no, please explain:

Do you feel the Community Impact/Benefit of this project has been met? Yes/No

If no, please explain:

Additional comments or information:

Please include:

- Proof of receipt(s)
- Invoice(s) showing expenditures

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date of Follow-up Received: _____ Application # _____

MOUNT PULASKI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT SCORING SHEET

Application Number: _____

Please rank the application on a scale of 0-5 for each line item below:

0 = Does not meet criteria 3 = Adequately meets criteria 5 = Exceeds expectations

Criteria	Score
Overall mission, purpose and goal of project	
Community impact/benefit of project	
How the grant request fits with the Development and Redevelopment plan	
Partnerships/collaborations with other entities, including volunteers, other funds and in-kind sources	
Identify major steps, timelines and objectives intended to achieve through this project	
Clarity of the application (all areas are addressed; rationale and budget are well-defined)	
TOTAL SCORE:	

Additional Comments for Consideration:

EXHIBIT B – BOUNDARY MAP
MOUNT PULASKI BUSINESS DISTRICT

