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Canton Main Street Micro Grants

Canton Main Street is dedicated to making Canton's downtown a vibrant and thriving center of the community. One of the four approaches used by the Main Street movement nationally, is Economic Vitality. To support this approach, it is Canton Main Street's goal to help businesses located in our downtown district, and to bring new businesses in!

Canton Main Street wants to help entrepreneurs take steps towards opening new businesses in our downtown and to help new owners improve or expand existing businesses they've purchased. To this end, **Canton Main Street will provide 2 \$1,500 grants in calendar year 2022.** The first \$1,500 grant will have an application window from **March 1st** to **April 1st, 2022**, and be awarded in **April**. The second grant will have an application window from **August 1st** to **September 1st, 2022**, and be awarded in **September**.

Entrepreneurs must demonstrate in their application how they intend to use the funds to facilitate opening a new business. New owners of an existing business must outline how the grant will help improve services, operations, and/or products.

This is a reimbursable grant program. No funds will be disbursed until the applicant provides receipts for the expenditures approved through the application.

Canton Main Street Micro Grant applications can be found by visiting cantonillinois.org/mainstreet or at the Canton Main Street office located at 48 N. Main St., Canton, IL.

Canton Main Street Micro Grant Application

Mandatory Application Instructions

1. Applications are due no later than April 1st, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for the first grant cycle, and by September 1st, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for the second grant cycle in calendar year 2022.
2. Applications will be reviewed by the Canton Main Street Board of Directors at the first Board meeting following the application deadline for each grant cycle.
3. Applications shall be submitted in the format provided (see attached application). No other format will be accepted.
4. Applicant must be a paid member of Canton Main Street.
5. Grant seekers may obtain an application at the Canton Main Street office, 48 N. Main St., Canton, IL 61520, by calling (309) 647-2677, or by downloading it from the cantonillinois.org website.
6. Completed applications should be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development
(Canton Main Street)
Executive Director, Cole McDaniel
48 N. Main St.
Canton, IL 61520
7. Any questions concerning the application process should be addressed to SRPED Executive Director, Cole McDaniel, at (309) 647-2677, Ext. 4.
8. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review if not corrected before the grant cycle and their respective deadlines.

CANTON MAIN STREET MIRCO GRANT APPLICATION

SECTION 1 – General Information

Please **type or clearly print** all information on form provided:

Legal Name of Applicant

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Mailing Address (if different from street address)

Mailing City, State, Zip (if different from street city, state, zip)

Contact Person(s) Telephone/Cell & Business Phone

E-Mail Address

Federal Employee Identification Number

Status of Applicant:

Sole Proprietor _____ Corporation _____ Partnership _____
S-Corporation _____ LLC _____ Other _____

Date and Place Organization was Incorporated and/or Founded _____

Identify the Officers/Owners of the Organization/Business (Name, Position, Phone Number and email):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

SECTION 2 – Use of Funds

Total Amount Requested: _____

Use of Funds:	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____
(should equal total amount requested above)

This is a reimbursement program; therefore, receipts are REQUIRED before funds will be released. Examples of possible eligible expenses include, but aren't limited to: computers, software, additional inventory, first month's rent, POS system etc.

SECTION 3 – Justification

What kind of impact will you have on the community (more sales tax revenue, more visitors to the area, addressing a service/need not currently being met, keeping an existing business open due to a retiring business owner etc.?). Please explain:

(Please attach separate sheet to continue project justification if needed.)

Do you have a business plan you can provide to **Canton Main Street** to review? _____
If yes, please attach it to this application.

SECTION 4 – Certification

I/We certify the information contained in this application is complete, accurate, and fully discloses the scope and intent of our request for Canton Main Street (CMS) Micro Grant funding.

We further acknowledge that there shall be no other deviations from the maximum allowed by each line item and that there will be no revisions to the line items once approved by the CMS organization.

By signing this application, I/we accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the grant program as administered by CMS in compliance with current federal, state and local laws.

Applicant Date

Signature of Representative/Officer

Title

