

# Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant

## Full Application Scoring Criteria

**Project Impact:** Proposed remediation will exhibit strong impact on the community and the downtown. Project will be a catalyst for economic development, improve the appearance of the site and community and perhaps the safety of its immediate locale. The impact of the award is critical to project success.

### **30 Points Maximum:**

A strong application will:

- Will clearly describe the proposed remediation
- Includes a detailed scope of work for the project that also outlines the specific areas of the project that will be funded with the grant.
- Will affect/impact its district and the community in a positive way.
- Will improve the appearance of the district/community.
- Will improve safety in the downtown/district.
- Will be a catalyst for economic development.
- Involves an extremely important (perhaps landmark) building in the downtown.
- Involves a complete rehab of a building (entire building).
- Will clearly show what economic development will occur as a result of the project.
- Will be a catalyst for other building development in proximity to the project address.
- Complements additional activity in the downtown or relevant district.
- Make use of a property that is largely underutilized (vacant).
- Will at the very least bring a building to a “white box” stage of development.
- Involve a building in an extremely important location such as the heart of the downtown, an entrance to the community, etc.

A weak application will show no or little economic impact on the downtown, district or community based on the project scope or the community’s potential for economic growth. The project will not be a component of the community’s planning efforts. Future use of the site is unknown or questionable. The site location is not prominent and will have little impact on economic development.

**Project Appropriateness:** Proposed remediation will use appropriate rehabilitation practices and techniques, fit into pertinent community goals and logically explain reason for project.

### **10 Points Maximum:**

A strong application will:

- Justify the remediation and how the determination was made.
- Explain what financial/feasibility analysis has been completed to justify the remediation.
- Describe how the remediation addresses the property.
- Describe how the approach is suitable for this building.
- Thoroughly explain treatment of significant features of the building.
- Exhibit sympathetic treatment of historic structures.
- Describe how remediation will lead to other catalytic projects.
- Show appropriate recycling and diversion of materials from the landfill. Includes remediation plan, including abatement of hazardous materials such as asbestos.

