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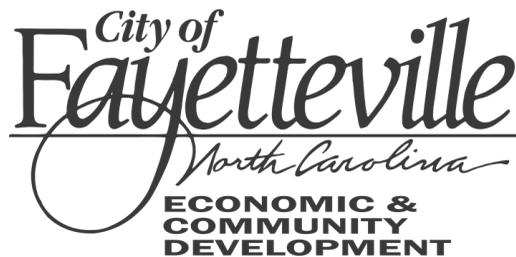


Economic Development

Offering Economic Opportunities in the City limits of Fayetteville



- Business Assistance Loan Program
- Commercial Exterior Improvement Grant Program
- Small Business Development Grant Program
- Small Business Retention Grant Program



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Economic & Community Development Programming

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Requirements that Apply to all Programs:

Job Creation/Retention: Since the programs are federally funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, a HUD national objective must be met that will provide a benefit to low to moderate-income persons along with other federal requirements. Each business that participates with these programs must meet a job creation or retention requirement benefiting a low to moderate-income person.

Davis-Bacon Act: Construction projects that exceed \$2,000 and funded in whole or part with federal funds must also comply with the Davis Bacon Act. This act mandates minimum hourly payments to all employees employed on a construction project.

Environmental Review: Projects are also subject to an environmental review process. This process must be completed before an approved project can begin. An environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards. This process can take a week to 60 days, depending on the level of review required.

Committee Review:

There is a checklist of required documents and program forms that must accompany the completed application for all programs for review by the loan or grant committee. All requests must be approved and a grant agreement or loan documents must be signed by the applicant before the project can begin.

The City reserves the right to deny a grant or loan request by a small business that is not deemed feasible or does not meet a need or desire of the respective community. Non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

Business Assistance Loan Program

The Business Assistance Loan Program provides funding to assist small business owners in the city limits of Fayetteville with the additional equity or down payment needed in order to qualify for primary financing. The City of Fayetteville's loan works in conjunction with a primary loan from a bank or other approved lender. The City will offer a subordinated loan up to 25% or a maximum of \$125,000 of the total loan funds needed. Loans up to \$200,000 will be considered for small businesses acquiring and renovating properties in the downtown historic district.

A small business first applies for a loan at a bank or approved lender. Once the standard underwriting criteria is met and the need for additional funds are identified, the small business may apply for a city loan to provide the gap financing or down payment required for the primary loan. The primary bank or lender must include the City's potential loan payment in their credit analysis to confirm the small business can qualify for both loans and make a recommendation to the City to consider the small business for the additional loan funds.



Commercial Exterior Improvement Grant Program

This program is designed to promote the revitalization of small business properties through the rehabilitation of commercial building exteriors, parking lots and landscapes. This program benefits the City by removing blight, expanding the tax base and increasing the economic vitality of the downtown Fayetteville area, the City's redevelopment plan areas, low income census tracts and under developed corridors within the City limits. The City of Fayetteville will provide a matching grant up to \$10,000 for each exterior renovated.

The building must be located within the downtown Fayetteville Renaissance Plan area, the Massey Hill, Bonnie Doone, Deep Creek Rd., 71st Township, HOPE VI or Murchison Rd. redevelopment areas, a low income census tract or other target area within the city limits of Fayetteville. The applicant may be the owner or small business tenant of the property.

The Fayetteville Historic Resources Commission must be included in the design review process for those properties located in the downtown historic district. The City's Development Services Department may be contacted at (910) 433-1385 to provide guidance on a project.

Eligible projects include brick cleaning and repair, painting, window and/or door repair and replacement, landscaping, awnings, signage, parking lot repair, roof repairs, lighting replacement or repair, and other permanent improvements to the exterior of the property.

Each business applicant must obtain approval for a grant award before the project can begin and grant funds will be awarded after project completion and verification that all program and federal guidelines have been met.

Small Business Development Grant Program

The Small Business Development Grant Program is designed to assist with the further development of existing small businesses in the city limits of Fayetteville. A business that has been open for one to three years is considered to be in the development phase for the purpose of this program. Special consideration will be given to small businesses located in any of the City's redevelopment plan areas and other target areas.

The City of Fayetteville will provide a matching grant up to a maximum of \$5,000 for eligible small business expenses. Eligible clients must be referred by the Center for Economic Empowerment and Development (CEED) or other small business center in order to be considered for this program.

Referrals for consideration for this grant program shall come from a business consultant. The business consultant is able to confirm the small business client has received the training and counseling required to make them eligible for this program. Small businesses that have the proper training prior and during the launch of their small business will have a higher success rate by obtaining the core knowledge and skills. A completed business plan will guide the business through the process and future development of the business.

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Small Business Retention Grant Program

The Small Business Retention Grant Program is designed to assist with the expansion costs of existing small businesses. The primary objective of this program is to retain businesses in the City's redevelopment plan areas that will also result in the retention or creation of jobs in these areas. This program is also a valuable tool to attract new businesses to these target areas.

Each redevelopment area is unique with its own issues and opportunities. Funds are available to small business owners located within one of the boundaries of the Fayetteville Renaissance, HOPE VI, Murchison Rd., Massey Hill, Bonnie Doone, 71st Township and Deep Creek Rd. redevelopment plan areas. Eligible program areas also include other low income census tracts and target areas within the city limits of Fayetteville.

Grants for furniture, fixtures, inventory, equipment, and interior and exterior renovations can be considered for this program. The small business must be operational for not less than three years to be eligible for this program. The City of Fayetteville will provide a matching grant up to \$5,000.

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