

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**DeLand Grant Programs**  
**Downtown DeLand CRA & Gateway Grants**  
**Application Deadline: Friday, December 30, 2022**

The CITY OF DELAND, through the MainStreet DeLand Association, is now accepting applications for **Downtown DeLand Grant Program – [Downtown DeLand CRA & Gateway Grants](#)**. The grants are designed to encourage building improvements within the downtown redevelopment area. To see an overview of the Downtown DeLand district, [click here](#) (refer to pink area). To review the listing of available grants and download the fillable pdf application form, click on the links below:

**[Lighting Grants-CRA](#)**

Matching Grants are available to downtown property owners and merchants for providing safe, pedestrian friendly exterior store front lighting and also for providing rear building lighting. Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 75% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$2,000.

**[Residential Grants -CRA](#)**

Matching Grants are available to downtown property owners that create new residential units. Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 50% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$10,000.

**[Retail Grants -CRA](#)**

Matching Grants are available that are designed to assist downtown property owners that create or retain existing retail business or convert office/service occupancy to retail. Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 50% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$5,000.

**[Upper Floor Grants - CRA](#)**

Matching Grants are available to downtown property owners that refurbish upper floors for use as retail, office, service or residential or any combination of these categories. Creation of storage or warehouse space is not eligible. Projects may receive awards of up to 50% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$10,000.

**[Facade Grants - CRA](#)**

Matching Grants are available to downtown property owners that rehabilitate exterior facades, particularly store fronts. Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 75% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$5,000.

**[Underutilized Building Grants - CRA](#)**

Grants are available to downtown property owners that rehabilitate buildings that have been vacant for two or more years. Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 25% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$60,000.

**Other Grant Categories: Mural Repair & Graffiti Removal**

**Additional information:** Unless there are unusual circumstances, work on grant projects *may not commence* before the grant application is approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency, and required permits and forms filed with MainStreet Deland Association. The amount of the grant award may be increased for projects following “green construction guidelines.” The application form should clearly stipulate that the green supplement is being requested.

**Please note:** All Downtown DeLand CRA Grant applications are reviewed by the MainStreet Grant Review Committee and will be considered by the Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency. The deadline for submitting your application for a Downtown Grant is **Friday, December 30, 2022**. For further information please contact Wayne Carter, Executive Director, MainStreet DeLand Association at 386-738-0649 or [wayne@mainstreetdseland.org](mailto:wayne@mainstreetdseland.org).

## Gateway Grants – Non CRA Grant Program

### Gateway Grants

There is \$20,000 available for the City Gateway Grant Program. Matching Grants are available to property owners that renovate commercial properties in the Gateway Districts in the City of DeLand. To see an overview of the Gateway District [click here](#) (refer to purple area). Eligible projects may receive awards of up to 50% of the total project cost with no single grant exceeding \$5,000.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Exterior building renovation which improves the appearance of the facility;
- Pressure washing or repainting the exterior of discolored buildings;
- Repainting exterior buildings from loud or garish colors to earth tones or pastels;
- Installation of landscape buffers where none exist;
- Installation of tree islands or landscape islands in older non-conforming parking lots;
- Replacement of older non-conforming signs with monument signs and foundation landscaping;
- Other projects as approved by the City Commission.

Note: All landscaping must be done with 'water-wise' plant materials.

**Additional information:** Unless there are unusual circumstances, work on grant projects *may not commence* before the grant application is approved by the City Commission, and required permits and forms filed with the City of DeLand. The amount of the grant award may be increased for projects following "green construction guidelines." The application form should clearly stipulate that the green supplement is being requested.

**Please note:** All Gateway Grant applications are reviewed by the City of DeLand Economic Development Department and will be considered by the Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency. The deadline for [submitting your application](#) for a Gateway Grant is **Friday, December 30, 2022**. For further information please contact Nick Conte, Economic Development Manager, City of DeLand at 386-626-7021 or [conten@deland.org](mailto:conten@deland.org).