Landmarks Commission 2023 Budget Request.

The Stoughton Landmarks Commission is requesting funding to continue the Local Landmark Mini Grant Program that began in 2017. The program provides façade improvement and repair matching grants to help facilitate reinvestment in our community. Only owners of locally landmarked buildings are eligible for the grants. These mini-grants will be primarily for exterior repair projects although interior projects may be considered if those projects involve structural issues or mechanical improvements. Since many local landmarks are on Main Street, these grants help facilitate reinvestment in downtown buildings while grants to other local landmarks will help maintain the character of our historic neighborhoods.

Building owners must apply to the Landmarks Commission for the matching grants with a thoroughly developed scope of work that complies with Stoughton's historic preservation design guidelines and meets the National Park Service's Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. These matching grants are an excellent way for the City to demonstrate its commitment to local reinvestment in our historic Main Street and neighborhoods while supporting residents who own historic buildings in our community.

Our grant budget for 2022 was $12,000.00 and we received grant applications totaling more than $34,000.00. The funding we have received to date has been awarded and once all projects are completed, the money will be disbursed.

We have had positive public response, and requests for funding far outpace our program budget, so we are asking for an increase in the grant budget this year. We have demonstrated a track record of success (completed projects) so we believe an increase is warranted.

2023 Mini Grant Budget request: $15,000.00

The Landmarks Commission is responsible for providing small bronze plaques on the exterior of buildings when they are designated as local landmarks and there are other administrative costs such as web hosting, mailings and advertising. We request funding as follows.

Landmark Budget request for Plaques, Website and administration: $3000.00

Total Budget request: $18,000.00

2022 GRANT FUNDING

APPLICANT	PROPERTY	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AMOUNT	AWARD DATE	COA APPROVAL DATE	PROJECT APPROVAL DATE	PROJECT DEADLINE	DATE FUNDS PAID
Ryan & Keri Murphy	201 S. Franklin Street	Replace Gutters	$0.00	N/A				
Eric & Crystal Francksen	327 E. Washington Street	Interior & Exterior Repairs	$1,375.00	4/14/2022	9/9/2021	7/14/2022	June 2023	7/18/2022
Dale Otradovec	160 E. Main Street	Exterior Repairs	$1,375.00	4/14/2022	5/12/2022	12/8/2022	June 2023	12/15/2022
Emily and Ben Thompson	620 S. Prairie Street	Painting Exterior	$0.00	N/A				
Badger Theater	255 E. Main Street	Roof Replacement	$4,500.00	4/14/2022	6/9/2022	8/11/2022	June 2023	8/12/2022
Scott and Kim Smith	126 E. Washington St	Chimney and Downspout Repair	$2,500.00	4/14/2022	4/14/2022		June 2023	
Katherine Simdon	130 E. Main Street	Front Façade Paint and Awning	$2,250.00	4/14/2022			June 2023	
		TOTAL 2022 FUNDING:	**$12,000.00**					

January 16, 2023

Dear Local Landmark Owner,

The Stoughton Landmarks Commission is pleased to announce the ***seventh (7th) year*** of our mini-grant program. Last year was another success; the Commission was able to award $12,000 for five (5) projects. Awarded projects include: Roof Replacement; Chimney and Downspout Repair; Front Façade Painting/New Awning and Exterior Repairs.

We are very pleased to offer $15,000 toward funding grants this year.

If you are planning any building repairs we encourage you to apply for a grant. The application deadline is April 10, 2023. We will review applications at our first Commission meeting after the deadline. Grant recipients will be notified by mail by the end of April.

These matching grants are available to owners and tenants of Local Landmarks; work must be reviewed and approved by the Landmarks Commission before work starts. More information is included on the provided grant application form.

Who can I contact with questions?
Contact Michael Stacey, Zoning Administrator, Department of Planning & Development, 207 S Forrest Street, Stoughton, WI 53589. Phone: (608) 646-0421 or mstacey@ci.stoughton.wi.us, with any questions you may have.

As you may know, ***local landmark status includes certain responsibilities, especially with regard to any planned changes, work or repair to the exterior.*** We hope these small grants will help you with expenses related to making appropriate repairs. ***Local landmark designation is a significant civic honor. We appreciate your good stewardship and look forward to working with you to continue the preservation of these landmarks.***

Todd Hubing, Landmarks Commission Chair

Stoughton Landmarks Mini Grant Application – 2023
Deadline for submittal is April 10, 2023

The Stoughton Landmarks Commission serves to recognize and preserve the historic and cultural resources within the City of Stoughton, as prescribed by the Stoughton Landmarks Ordinance.

- **For 2023, we have a total budget of $15,000 and this is a matching grant program.**
- **We will award one or more projects until our $15,000 budget is spent.**
- **Exterior work is prioritized for grant awards, although other projects may be considered.**
- **Work must be reviewed and approved by the Landmarks Commission (COA process) before work starts.**
- **New construction is not eligible.**

Name of Applicant_____

Full Address_____

E-Mail_____ **Phone Number**_____

Property Owner Name (if different)_____

Address of property_____

Proposed Project (please be specific; attach additional sheets as necessary)

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Amount of grant request _____

Attachments (REQUIRED)

☐ Current photographs of building and proposed project area.

☐ Proposed project budget.

Terms and Conditions: If awarded a grant from the Stoughton Landmarks Commission, the applicant agrees to complete the project within one year of grant award notification. A one year extension may be granted if a written request is received prior to the original grant expiration, otherwise the grant amount will be recaptured and applied to another grant project. Any construction work toward which grant money is applied must be pre-approved by the Landmarks Commission and meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties. The Standards are available on the National Park Service website: www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/index.

Award recipients may schedule an on-site pre-construction walk-through with members of the Stoughton Landmarks Commission who will visit the project site once prior to commencement of project activities.

Applicants who have been awarded grants must provide the Stoughton Landmarks Commission with photos of the finished work, together with proof of expenditure, before any reimbursement can be made.

The Stoughton Landmarks Commission reserves the right to publicize the names and locations of the grant recipients as well as publicize photographs of the properties.

Signed _____

Date_____

Print Name_____

Property Owner Signature (if different)_____ **Date**_____

Mail completed form to: Michael Stacey, Zoning Administrator
City Hall, 207 S Forrest Street, Stoughton, WI 53589

Form revised January 2023