Landmarks Commission 2024 Budget Request.

The Stoughton Landmarks Commission is requesting funding to continue the Local Landmark 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.

The Landmarks Commission grant budget for 2023 was $15,000.00 and we received grant applications totaling about $30,000.00. Most of the funding we have received to date has been awarded and once all projects are completed, the money will be disbursed.

We have had a very positive public response, and requests for funding far outpace our program budget. With the recently approved Local Downtown District, we anticipate much more grant funding interest. We have demonstrated a track record of success (completed projects) so we believe an increase in funding is warranted.

2023 Grant Budget request: $30,000.00

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.

Budget request for landmark plaques, website and administration: $3000.00

Total Budget request: $33,000.00

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