

City of Ainsworth
Economic Development Program (LB840) Demolition Grant Application

Process and Requirements

Demolition Grants: For assistance with the removal of dilapidated structures within the City of Ainsworth. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000 per project and applicants will need to provide a 50% match. The project shall be consistent with the Economic Development Program Plan. Applications must be submitted before demolition begins.

For funding eligibility, the structure must meet the definition of a “blighted structure” to include: *“any dwelling, garage, outbuilding, warehouse, commercial building or any other structure or part of a structure, which: because of the effects of fire, wind, flood or other natural disaster; because of physical deterioration; or, because of demolition, or partial demolition, not carried out to completion, within a reasonable period of time. This structure is not habitable as a dwelling, or, in the case of a non-dwelling structure, is no longer useful for the purpose for which the non-dwelling structure was intended, and which has been designated by the City of Ainsworth’s municipal code and/or the Board of Health as detrimental to the public health or safety in its present condition and use.”*

Eligible properties must meet the “blighted structure” definition above, be located within the City of Ainsworth, have had consultation with any and all agencies requiring compliance with historic designations, floodplains, archeological significance, hazardous materials (i.e. lead paint, asbestos, contaminated substances), etc. A structure determined by such agencies to have un-resolvable compliance issues will not be eligible for demolition funding.

A complete, signed grant application must be returned to the North Central Development Center (NCDC), who has partnered with the City of Ainsworth for the administration of the Economic Development Program. Incomplete applications will not be accepted; however, if necessary, applications may be amended in writing after they have been approved. Applications shall include the following:

- Photograph of the structure to be demolished;
- Copy of approved City of Ainsworth demolition permit;
- Completed and signed application form;
- \$100 non-refundable application fee payable to the City of Ainsworth (City reserves the right to waive the application fee for non-profit organizations)

Once a complete application is submitted along with all required supporting documentation, the application will be forwarded to the Loan Committee for review. The Loan Committee will make a recommendation to the Ainsworth City Council to either approve, approve with suggested changes, or deny the funding application. The Ainsworth City Council will then make a final decision regarding funding.

Upon approval, grant-qualified work may begin only after the applicant has signed and returned the grant agreement from the City of Ainsworth. This grant agreement and any written amendments will be the binding document between the grant recipient and the City of Ainsworth.

The applicant is responsible for any City or State permits that are required for their project.

Grant funding is handled on a reimbursement basis for completed work. Any expenses incurred prior to the official release of funds by the City of Ainsworth may not be eligible for reimbursement.

If an applicant requires interim financing before grant reimbursement, contact your local financial institution.

Full reimbursement will occur only after the project has been completed per the grant agreement:

- Been inspected and approved by the City of Ainsworth;
- Property owners must provide the final inspection reports from a certified inspector for compliance with lead-based paint and asbestos regulations (where applicable);
- If asbestos is present, a copy of the delivery/disposal report must also be provided;
- A request for reimbursement along with invoices and proof of payment has been submitted to the City of Ainsworth.

Questions?

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