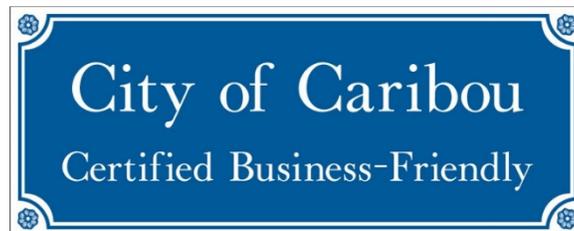




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The Slum and Blight Removal Grant Program is a proposed partnership between the City of Caribou and the private sector to remove blighted properties within our designated Downtown TIF District from our community and improve property values.

Process

The City of Caribou will determine an application process for selecting property each year to receive the grant. Owners of buildings within the Downtown TIF District would apply to the city for grant assistance in removing the blighted buildings. The grant amount for each project would be capped at \$10,000 or 50% of the project costs whichever is less. Grants would only be paid after the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city and proof of payment to the contractor or landfill has been received by the city.

The property owner would be responsible for ensuring all appropriate rules and regulations, including state and federal, would be followed in the removal of the building. No buildings would be allowed to be buried on site, as per City Ordinance. A demolition permit would have to be obtained from the City of Caribou as well.

The project will be considered complete when any basements have been filled in with appropriate soil and loam/seed has been put in place.

Applications would be ranked on the blighting influences on the neighborhood, the level of blight, and whether or not there is a reuse of the property that has been identified.

Funding

Funding for this comes from the Downtown TIF District. As part of this district the City has set aside approximately \$1,000,000 over the life of the district for slum and blight removal. Annual funding is subject to approval by the City Council during the normal budgeting process. Slum and Blight removal done by the City for city owned or tax acquired property in the district may reduce the amount of available funding in any given year.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the grant the applicant must be the owner of the property. Applicant must be current on all city taxes and bills from the Caribou Utilities District. The property must be located within the Caribou Downtown TIF District. If the property has been declared dangerous by the Caribou City Council in accordance with MRSA Title 17 §2851, as it may be amended from time to time, the applicant shall not be eligible for this grant.

Decisions

All decisions will be made by the City Manager in consultation with the Code Enforcement Officer, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all applications.

Terms of Grants

- 1 Work must be completed within 150 days from the date of notification.
- 2 Grants will be paid to applicant following:
 - a) Proof of City of Caribou Demolition Permit.
 - b) Inspection of completed project by the City of Caribou Building Official.
 - c) Material and labor receipts from a licensed contractor along with proof of payment by applicant.
AND/OR
 - d) Receipts from authorized landfill receiving the debris.

Financial Information:

1. Estimated project costs: \$ _____

2. Grant amount applying for: \$ _____

Slum and Blight Removal Grant equals half of project costs (up to \$10,000) to be paid when project is completed and invoices are presented with a photo of the completed work.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature (must be the owner of record): _____

Return to:

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