

TCEDC Business Improvement Mini-Grant



Program Guidelines

- Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to Traill County, N.D. businesses toward long-term investments in commercial structures & property, including the following: Storefront improvements; interior renovations/infrastructure updates; teardown of dilapidated buildings; signage; landscaping.
- Timeframe:** Applications will be accepted through May 13, 2024. Applicants will be notified of the status of their requests by May 17, 2024. Work to be completed in 2024.
- Eligible organizations:** New/existing businesses in the county. Consideration also will be given to nonprofits/organizations with a public storefront, multifamily housing units and churches.
- Grant amount:** Approved applicants are eligible for up to \$1,000 in matching funds per EIN, with a minimum of \$250 in matching funds provided. This is a competitive grant with a total allocation of \$20,000; not all projects will be funded.
- Evaluation criteria:** Priority will be given to projects that are deemed to have the greatest impact on business effectiveness and long-term viability, as described in the project narrative. Priority also will be given to applicants or projects that did not receive a TCEDC award in 2021-23. Only projects that have not yet been started or that began in spring of 2024 will be considered. Applicants who received a previous TCEDC award but haven't yet submitted reimbursement paperwork or canceled their grant awards are not eligible.
- Application process:** The financial request must include the Business Improvement Mini-Grant application. The completed copy should be mailed or emailed to:
Traill County EDC
PO Box 856
Hillsboro, ND 58045
Email: director@traillcountyedc.com | Phone: 701-636-4746
- Other conditions:** The following documentation must be submitted with the application: Detailed project bids/estimates, project schedule and photo of project site.
- Funding process:** Funds will be provided once the project has been completed and the property has been inspected by TCEDC staff. Supporting documentation such as invoices or receipts and canceled checks or proof of payment must be included, along with IRS Form W-9.