

Main Street Grant Application

This is a PDF version of the questions in the online application. This document, along with other supporting documents (Guidelines, FAQ, Funding Sources & Uses Form) are available to print or download on the BLAEDC website at www.growbrainerdlakes.org. This will ensure you have all required information and documents **to complete the online application**. Once you begin the online application, you will not be able to save your progress. BLAEDC is the organization administering this grant program. If you have any questions or need technical assistance with the application, please call 218-828-0096 or email tyler@growbrainerdlakes.org.

Applicant Information

1. Email
2. Business or Organization Name
3. Name of Owner/Primary Contact

The physical location of the proposed project must be located within the River to Rail Corridor, which is one-half block north of Washington Street to one-half block south of Oak Street; from Mississippi River to 19th Street SE. (see map)

4. Is your proposed project located within the River to Rail Corridor?
 - Yes
 - No (If your project is not located in the River to Rail Corridor, it is not eligible for these funds.)
5. Project Address
6. Mailing Address
7. Contact Phone Number
8. Business or Organization website (optional)
9. Business or Organization Employee Identification Number (EIN) or Federal Tax ID Number
10. Business or Organization State Tax ID Number
11. How many current employees do you have total, including yourself?
12. Who owns the property where this project is proposed?
 - I own the property (will skip to question 14)
 - I rent the property (will be prompted to answer question 13)

13. You indicated you rent the property for this proposed project. Please provide the name, email and phone number of the property owner. We will confirm the owner supports this project.

Project Proposal Information

14. Please give a TITLE to your proposed project to be used through this grant selection process.

15. The EDA identified priorities for funding. What priority fits your primary funding request?

(Mark only one)

- Housing
- Landscaping/Lighting/Greenspace/Parking
- Small Business
- Child Care

16. Below are the eligible uses of these funds per MN DEED. What will be the primary use of these funds:

(Mark only one)

- Repair or renovation of real property
- Building construction
- Landscaping and streetscaping
- Demolition and site preparation
- Project pre-design and design
- Engineering
- Non-municipal infrastructure

17. Please describe your project in detail. Include the following information below: (1) How your proposed project meets the identified EDA priorities you indicated above and (2) eligible uses if you receive funding. Maximum character count 250 words.

18. When do you expect to start your proposed project? (Choose date)

19. Your project must be completed by December 31, 2026. What is the expected completion date of your proposed project? (Choose date)

20. Upload any supporting documents you'd like to share about your proposed project. (Optional: Upload documents)

Project Funding Sources

Grant requests should be no more than 30% of the project cost.
Maximum grant award is \$750,000.

NOTE: For projects under \$100,000, a local grant of no more than 35% of the total project cost may be available depending on eligibility and available funds. Preference for these funds will be a total project cost of \$50,000 or less.

21. What is your TOTAL project cost?

22. What is the amount of Main Street Grant funding being requested?

Note: Grant requests should be no more than 30% of the project cost.

23. As noted above, there is a local grant available to help offset up to 35% of your 70% matching requirement IF your total project cost is under \$100,000. Are you interested in receiving this local grant?

- Yes
- No
- My total project cost is over \$100,000, so I am not eligible for the local grant.

24. Applicants must include a completed Funding Sources & Uses Form outlining funding sources. (Upload document)

Grant Program Policy Authorization for Release of Information

25. By submitting this form, I declare that the information provided in this application and on the accompanying exhibits is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. The Initiative Foundation, Brainerd EDA, and the Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation (BLAEDC) have the right to verify any information contained in this application and may contact any individuals and institutions involved with the proposed project.

- Agree

26. Authorized Signature (Full Name)

27. Title

28. Date

29. How did you hear about the Main Street Revitalization Grant Program? (Check all that apply)

- Radio
- Direct Mailer
- Sign
- Newspaper
- Social Media
- City of Brainerd
- Destination Downtown Business Coalition (DDBC)
- Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation (BLAEDC)

Thank you for your application.

The Initiative Foundation and Brainerd EDA retains the right to determine if a project meets the eligibility criteria for this program. The Initiative Foundation and Brainerd EDA retains the right to fund grant applications at the requested amounts, but may also fund grant applications at less than that which is requested.



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