

Elkton DDA Meeting
Monday, September 9th, 2019
Elkton Village Hall
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Randy Haley, Village President called the meeting to order at 11:00A.M. Members present are: David Fisher and Gail Schember. Excused absent are: Dennis Ropp, Deb Leipprandt, Gretchen Roestel, Carrie Williams, Jeff Daniels, and Harrison Gunden. Guests present are: Chuck Donaldson MEDC Grant Specialist, Carl Osentoski Huron County Economic Development Corporation, and numerous Elkton business owners.

A quorum of the DDA is not present for the meeting. Randy Haley introduced the guest speakers and allowed Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Osentoski to discuss grant opportunities with the business owners.

Mr. Donaldson spoke on three types of grants available to business owners. The first is the façade grants. Ideally Elkton would need at least four businesses to participate. Façade grants are a 50/50 match and would cover brick work, windows, doors, etc. to the exterior of the building. The façade would have to be as close to historically accurate as possible in its design and building materials. The business owner's 50 percent match would have to be a cash match. The façade grant could cover the back of a building depending on the location. A grant administrator would be hired to oversee the grant and all funds would be held in a Village of Elkton account for dispersing by the Village Clerk.

Mr. Donaldson stated the second type of grant available is a Community Redevelopment Grant. This type of grant covers functionally obsolete buildings that are blighted and abandoned. The building could be revitalized with a different type of business than it was previously used for. This type of grant is also a 50/50 match.

The third type of grant Mr. Donaldson spoke about is a Rental Rehab Grant. This would cover the remodeling of second floor housing units, as well as possible first floor units. The owner could receive up to \$60,000 in grant funding for the rehab per unit.

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Osentoski answered questions from those present. Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Osentoski then asked to tour any business or housing unit if the owner would like to hear if it was eligible for grant funding. The group left the meeting at 11:38a.m. to tour the businesses. The meeting was thus adjourned at 11:38a.m.

Next Meeting Date- To Be Determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC