Hillsboro Planning

Joan Krahmer Historic Preservation Grant Program

Purpose

Joan Krahmer was a lifelong resident of Hillsboro who grew up in the historic Orenco neighborhood. She was an excellent steward of her home, the Edward Schulmerich House on East Main Street at Sixth Avenue. Joan Krahmer was a member of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Committee and a strong advocate for preservation of history and historic structures.

Established in her memory, Krahmer Grants are non-competitive matching grants, intended to partially reimburse costs of eligible improvements. Successful applicants will be notified of the award, but payment will be contingent on completion of the specified improvements, and documentation of expended costs, in a manner satisfactory to the City.

Types of Eligible Projects

Preservation: maintenance and repair of existing historic materials. *Examples:* roof and foundation repair, siding repair, painting and power washing.

Restoration: removal of non-historic features and repair or replacement of deteriorated historic features with similar materials. *Examples:* removal of vinyl siding and replacement with wood siding, repair of historic wood windows, replacement of broken window lights.

Rehabilitation: alterations or additions sensitive to the properties historic character to meet continuing change and uses. *Examples:* additions for increased accessibility or to meet modern building code, addition of storm windows for efficiency, addition of elements for adaptive reuse

Reconstruction: re-creation of lost historic material when documentation is available (i.e. historic photographs). *Examples:* reconstruction of ornamentation documented in historic photographs, reconstruction of a lost historic business sign

Application Timeline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Each applicant will be notified within two weeks of their application submittal if a grant is to be awarded. Two months after receiving the grant, the recipient must submit a progress report to the City. After completion of work within the same fiscal year the recipient must submit the Grant Reimbursement Form (provided by the City after a grant is awarded) to the City along with relevant receipts and invoices. If the documentation is verified and the project has been completed, the City will award the reimbursement.

Funding

Matching grants are available in the amount of up to $2,000 per property. Funding is awarded as available and recipients are reviewed in the order their applications are received.

Eligibility Requirements

- Owners (or their authorized representatives) of sites on the Hillsboro Cultural Resource Inventory are eligible to apply. Government agencies are not eligible to apply.
- Only one grant can be awarded per fiscal year for any one property. Properties are eligible to reapply after one fiscal year (i.e. owners can receive a grant every other fiscal year).
- Projects must be completed by the end of the fiscal year (June 30) in which the grant was awarded. Any work not completed during the award time period may not be reimbursable.
- Work undertaken prior to finalization of the grant agreement is ineligible for reimbursement.
- Any of the improvements listed under "Types of Eligible Projects" is eligible for a grant. Preference will be given to projects on features visible from the public right-of-way.

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Project Examples

Orenco Drug Co., 2016 grant recipient

Amount awarded: $1,823

Work completed:

- Window restoration
- Siding and roof maintenance
- Painting.

Shorey House, 2016 grant recipient

Amount awarded: $1,739

Work completed:

- Architectural element reconstruction based on historic photographs

Freeman House, 2017 grant recipient

Amount awarded: $2,000

Work completed:

- Front porch preservation
- Painting