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Downtown Residential Exterior Lighting Enhancement Grant Program Summary

DESCRIPTION

The Program will provide one-time matching grants to residential property owners in targeted areas to purchase and install exterior lighting around their properties.

PURPOSE

Provide financial incentive to property owners to install energy efficient exterior lighting to improve the safety and security of their properties. The added lighting will be designed to reduce the dark areas between and behind the properties.

TARGET AREA

The Target Area is bordered by Paterson Street on the east, Lake Mendota on the north, Randall Avenue/Regent Street/Proudfit Street on the west and Lake Monona on the south.

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

The maximum grant amount is \$500.00 per property. Grants will be provided up to 50% of the total project cost in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per property. The minimum grant amount is \$75.00.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

An eligible property is any property that includes at least one residential unit located within the Target Area.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Eligible costs include the cost to purchase and install the lighting and wiring. The cost to upgrade or replace the existing lighting or decorative lighting is not an eligible cost.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

An eligible applicant is a residential property owner.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Lighting must meet the lighting standards of the Program.
2. Lighting must comply with 10.085 of the Madison General Ordinances (MGO).
3. Lighting must be energy efficient.
4. Contractor must obtain an electrical permit prior to commencing work.
5. Applicant must comply with the City's nondiscrimination provisions contained in the application.

STEPS FOR THE DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR LIGHTING ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

STEP 1

Applicant receives application packet with application /checklist and lighting standards.

STEP 2

Contractor obtains an electrical permit.

STEP 3

Lighting is purchased and installed.

STEP 4

Applicant submits to Economic Development Division (EDD) staff, completed/signed application along with documentation of paid receipts; and before and after photographs of installed lighting.

STEP 5

EDD staff verifies building permit and approves the application.

STEP 6

City reimburses applicant.