

# Muskogee Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is this program?

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) received a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior to create the Muskogee Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program.

The purposes of the program are to

- Revitalize properties and preserve past investments in National Register Historic Districts in Muskogee,
- Conserve National Register historic structures for future generations,
- Increase the viability and livability of existing housing stock in the historic districts of Muskogee while preserving the history embodied in the historic homes, and
- Foster economic development in Muskogee through the rehabilitation of historic buildings.

### Is my property eligible for this subgrant?

To qualify for this subgrant, properties must be located in and listed as a contributing property in one of Muskogee's historic commercial or residential districts on the National Register of Historic Places. The primarily residential historic districts are Founders' Place Historic District (NRIS: 10005081) and Kendall Place Historic District (NRIS: 05001418). Muskogee's historic commercial districts are the Bacone College Historic District (NRIS: 14001027), the Depot and Freight Historic District (NRIS: 06001114), and the Pre-Statehood Commercial District (NRIS: 83004210). A list of eligible properties will be available on the program webpage.

### Am I an eligible applicant?

The applicant must be the title owner of the eligible property. Eligible applicants are private property owners, businesses, for-profit developers, tax-exempt entities, governmental entities, and public institutions.

Applicants must

- Be able to supply all required pre-construction documents (proof of ownership, cost estimate, project description, architectural drawings if applicable, and others), photos, and proof of subgrant dollar match availability at the time of submission request,
- Be able to show proof of available matching funds,
- Be able to complete the scope of work described in the application within the subgrant timeline,
- Be agreeable for the final physical property inspection and documentation audit by the NPS or program administrator once the project is complete, or as needed throughout the process,
- Be able to list or describe the positive economic impact related to the request for and use of subgrant funds invested through this program, and
- Be agreeable to the establishment and/or maintenance of historic preservation easements or covenants on the property.

Eligible residential applicants will be required to provide a match of 25% of project costs. Eligible commercial applicants will be required to provide a match of 50% of project costs. Funds will be released on a reimbursement basis upon submission of appropriate invoices.

### What projects are eligible for funding?

This grant can be used for a broad range of physical preservation activities. Project applications should be based upon the rehabilitation need of qualifying structures and community economic impact. Awards will range from \$15,000 to \$100,000. Grant funds cannot be used retroactively for costs already incurred, and all awarded project plans must be approved before work can begin.

Eligible costs may include

- Repair or replacement of roofs, front facades, porches, foundations, windows, and other exterior restoration,
- Remediation of hazards such as lead paint, asbestos, or mold,
- Commercial property interior restoration/rehabilitation (in compliance with ADA and other accessibility regulations),
- Pre-development/professional services not to exceed 20% of subgrant costs, and
- Life safety/code-compliance measures.

Historic preservation easements will be required for all funded projects. All work must comply with the *Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation* and will be subject to the review and approval of the National Park Service and the State and Local Historic Preservation Offices. **The Muskogee Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program will begin accepting applications in 2024.**

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