IOWA RURAL HERITAGE REVITALIZATION GRANT FAQS



Q: We want to include the rehabilitation of multiple buildings in our application. Is this allowed?

A: No. The goal of this program is to support significant work on a single historic property. Only one property may be included in each application.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of grant applications from a jurisdiction or an applicant?

A: There is no limit to the number of applications a jurisdiction may submit. However, each applicant may submit only one application.

Q: My organization is in the process of acquiring the building but will not own it by the time of application. Are we eligible to apply?

A: No. The applicant must own the property at the time the application is submitted.

Q: Is a privately owned property eligible for this grant?

A: No. Only properties owned by the applicant — either a local government or a nonprofit organization — are eligible.

Q: I have a property that is a contributing resource in a National Register of Historic Placeslisted district. Is it eligible for this grant?

A: Yes. Contributing properties within a district listed on the National Register of Historic Places are considered listed and are eligible.

Q: The application asks whether the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places at the local, state or national level of significance. Where can I find this information?

A: This information is typically located on the first page of the National Register of Historic Places nomination or in the Statement of Significance section. Some older nominations may not include this detail. For assistance, contact nationalregister@iowaeda.com.

Q: I need a copy of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for my property. Where can I find it?

A: Digital copies are available on the National Register of Historic Places website. If you have difficulty locating your nomination, contact national register@iowaeda.com for help.

Q: Is in-kind match required for this grant?

A: No. Only cash match is required.

Q: What is the maximum hourly wage that can be charged to the grant? Does the cap apply to both consultants and contractors?

A: The cap applies to all labor rates charged to the grant. However, lump-sum or flat-fee pricing is allowed instead of hourly billing, which may help when specialty restoration work exceeds the hourly limit.

Q: My organization is near an urban area. Is our project eligible?

A: Eligible properties must be located in rural areas as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Rural areas include all parts of the state that are not within urban areas. Use the USDA eligibility map to confirm your location.

Q: Our organization previously received an Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant. Can we apply again?

A: Yes — if the application is for a different property owned by your organization. Each specific property is eligible for only one Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant.