



# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## Derelict Building Grant Program



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## From Concept to Today

- The program started in 2011 with a successful pilot project to help the City of Seymour, Iowa.
- The goal is to help Iowa's Communities of 5,000 or less address the environmental issues posed by abandoned commercial buildings and reduction of waste.
- Since 2011, there are 181 projects have received funding in 132 different communities.

## How do I get funding?

- Visit our website at [www.iowadnr.gov/faba](http://www.iowadnr.gov/faba) the Click "Explore the Programs offered by FABA" and select "Derelict Building Program".
- Determine what is the overall and best approach for your Derelict Building.
- It is a competitive application process, but a complete application gives you the best chance!

## What would the grant “actually cover” for our city?

ASSISTANCE TYPE	REIMBURSEMENT	MAX. COST
<b>CERTIFIED ACM INSPECTION:</b> Certified asbestos inspectors will investigate derelict structures to determine the presence, prevalence and condition of asbestos.	100 percent	—
<b>REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ACM:</b> Certified asbestos removal contractors will properly remove, manage and dispose of ACM. A 50 percent cost share is required for costs exceeding \$10,000.	100 percent	\$10,000
<b>STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING ANALYSIS:</b> Licensed structural engineers will inspect derelict structures to assess the overall structural condition of the building.	100 percent	\$1,500
<b>PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:</b> Review of known environmental records and land use information about the site and vicinity. Applicant is responsible for all costs exceeding \$3,000.	100 percent	\$3,000
<b>PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:</b> Actual soil, groundwater, and structural materials' sampling to confirm or deny if contamination is present. The need for this assessment is driven by the results of the Phase I Assessment. Applicant is responsible for costs exceeding \$5,000.	50 percent	\$2,500
<b>BUILDING DECONSTRUCTION:</b> Dismantling of structures with the purpose of maximizing recycling and reuse of materials to minimize landfill disposal. Goal of 30 percent landfill diversion by weight.	50 percent	\$50,000
<b>BUILDING RENOVATION:</b> Using waste minimization, reuse and recycling practices, including the use of salvaged or recycled content material during the renovation process. For offsetting costs related to removing materials for reuse, either at the site or offsite, or for recycling. The grant also compensates for the purchase and installation of reused or recycled materials that will be incorporated into the project.	50 percent	\$50,000

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## A Complete Application

- Fill out ALL areas of the form that pertain to your project scope with **complete and well explained answers**.
- Get three bids for each item you are requesting funding assistance.
- Letters of support from local Solid Waste Planning Agency, current building owner (if transferring), new owner, City Council (Mayor), citizens, recycled material destination, AND...

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## A Complete Application continued...

- Get your local Iowa Waste Exchange representative involved!
  - Help identify what recyclable materials (and amounts) for your project.
  - They can help with aspects of writing the grant.
  - They will submit for the project a letter regarding the project's viability.

## A Complete Application continued...

- Effective pictures for success.
- Insurance Policies - General Liability, Property Damage and or Workers Compensation.
- Money for match in grant – reimbursable program.
- Future plans for site.

## I submitted an application...now what?



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## Processing of Applications

- State Historical Preservation Office check.
- Review committee – independently reviewed and scored then accumulative selection.
- Approval process for successful projects.
- Feedback for non-funded projects.

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## Awarded a Grant

- No reimbursable work can begin before July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Everything must go across a scale and keep records.
- Take a **few** pictures of the start, middle and end of the project.
- Complete the final report and reimbursement process.

## Takeaways

- Have a good plan from the start.
- Application at [www.iowadnr.gov/faba](http://www.iowadnr.gov/faba) due **Friday, February 28, 2025.**
- Can submit the application via email!
- Get Iowa Waste Exchange involved.

Thank you!

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