

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# DERELICT BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESS. FINANCIAL RESULTS.

Providing financial assistance for small communities and rural counties to address derelict commercial and public buildings.

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**THE DERELICT BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM** works with small communities and rural counties to help improve the attractiveness and appearance of their towns by providing financial assistance to address derelict commercial and public buildings. Each project must have a landfill diversion component through the recycling and reuse of materials. The program is funded by the DNR's Solid Waste Alternatives Program.

**GETTING STARTED**

A community's building is eligible for the program if it falls into the following criteria:

- Any county or municipal government with a population of less than 5,000.
- Any commercial or public building that a local government has ownership of or intent to own.
- An applicant may partner with a local non-profit organization on a project.

**TYPES OF ASSISTANCE & FUNDING OPTIONS**

It is important to remember that costs incurred prior to an executed agreement are not eligible for funding and awarded amounts may not equal funding requests.

**GRANT PROGRAM SUCCESSES**



The **CITY OF EPWORTH** (pictured above) abated asbestos and deconstructed the old elementary school building, achieving a 97 percent landfill diversion rate for the total project. They achieved this rate by using materials for local erosion control and taking advantage of reuse markets for items like scrap metal, scrap wood, wooden I-beams, roof joists and bricks. The city saved **\$23,087** in landfill fees and received a **\$7,000** check for reused materials following the project's completion. The city plans to create a larger park space that will host the Epworth Funfest Days, Easter Hunt, summer camps, and the local farmer's market and flea market.



The **CITY OF ONAWA** (pictured below) abated asbestos and deconstructed an old grocery store achieving a 94 percent landfill diversion rate for the total project. They achieved this rate by taking advantage of reuse markets for items like scrap metal, metal I-beams, and concrete. The city plans to market this site for a future commercial enterprise. By diverting the building materials from the landfill the city saved approximately **\$22,700** in landfill fees.

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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The **CITY OF GUTHRIE CENTER** needed assistance with asbestos abatement and deconstruction of a 6,000 square-foot building to expand the neighboring drug store business or create an open lot to market to prospective commercial entities. The total project generated 312 tons of waste: 238 tons was diverted through reuse and beneficial reuse outlets leaving 74 tons of waste landfilled. The city estimated landfill disposal savings of **\$10,700**.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Click the "Derelict Building Grant Program" link

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