



Mural Grant Pilot Program Overview

The Wheat Ridge Business District (WRBD) is looking for commercial property owners and businesses willing to invest in their properties in the City of Wheat Ridge. The Wheat Ridge Business District has existing grant programs that match improvements in certain categories up to certain limits. The purpose of the new Mural Grant program is to provide funding assistance to local commercial property owners to enhance commercial properties, instill a sense of pride and identity, and engage business owners in the beautification of the community.

Mural Definition

For the purposes of the WRBD Mural Grant program, a mural is defined as one-of-a-kind work of art which is hand created and applied directly to the surface of a commercial structure.

Eligibility

Commercial property or business owners in the city of Wheat Ridge are eligible. Projects will require permission from the property owner. Projects in public spaces (i.e. public parks) are not eligible. The receipt of a previous paint or façade grant from the WRBD does not preclude an applicant from applying or receiving a mural grant.

Maintenance and Conservation

Murals funded by the WRBD shall be maintained for a minimum of 2 years. The maintenance of any WRBD grant funded mural is the sole responsibility of the business and/or property owner. WRBD requires anti-graffiti coating to be applied to mural.

Program Guidelines

The WRBD Board of Directors will review and select projects based on appropriateness of the mural design and location, visibility and impact on the community. With the applicant investing at least \$500 in the project, the WRBD will fund up to \$2500. This only applies to new mural artwork that is visible from the public right of way. A mural may not use words, figures, emblems or logos to advertise goods, services or merchandise. The applicant is responsible for any and all permits and fees which are associated with the proposed project.

Mural Grant Application Process

1. Download an application from the Wheat Ridge Business District's website, www.WRBusinessDistrict.org
2. Review the application and if you have any questions please call 303-551-1631
3. If you need mural artists recommendations, WRBD can connect you to resources
4. Submit a completed application package to:

info@wrbusinessdistrict.org or P.O. Box 1778, Wheat Ridge, CO 80034
 - a. \$25 application fee
 - b. Completed Mural Grant program application including scope of the proposed mural project, why this project will positively impact the property and why it will positively impact Wheat Ridge
 - c. Image(s) of a color rendering of proposed mural project
 - d. Image(s) of site or building/structure where the mural will be placed
 - e. Project timeline
 - f. Project budget
5. The WRBD will conduct a site visit
6. The WRBD will make grant award selections from the pool of applicants
7. Approved applicants will have one year to complete approved proposed mural projects and be reimbursed for awarded amount
8. Disbursement of grant funds shall only occur when the following documents are submitted and all other required conditions are met:
 - a. Copies of applicable paid invoices
 - b. Proof of payment
 - c. Photos of mural
 - d. Final approval by the WRBD



MURAL GRANT PROGRAM

Date: ____/____/____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Applicant is the: **Property Owner** **Business Owner** **Other**

Business Name: _____

Business Address (include zip): _____

Type of Business: _____

Property Owner's Name (if different from applicant) : _____

Property Owner's Address: _____

Property owner's phone number: _____

How many years has the business been in existence?: _____

How long has the business been operating at the current location?: _____

When does your current lease expire?: _____

If lease expires in less than two years, please explain the circumstance: _____

Proposed Mural Project & Budget:

Please describe the proposed project. Include at least two photographs showing the existing building/site. Also include proposed plans or images/renderings of the mural project, please include them with your application.

Terms and Conditions

- *The applicant authorizes the Wheat Ridge Business District, to promote an approved project, including but not limited to displaying a sign or sticker at the site (during and after project completion), and using photographs and descriptions of the project in informational materials, websites, social media and press releases.*

- *The applicant understands that the Wheat Ridge Business District, Inc. reserves the right to make changes in conditions of the Mural Grant Program by vote of the board.*

- *The applicant understands that a 5% management fee will be applied to grant award.*

- *The applicant understands that, in the event this application is approved, a binding letter of commitment must be signed prior to release of grant funds.*

- *Applications must include before and after photos of their mural project. Photos can be emailed to: info@wrbusinessdistrict.org.*

- *Applications require a \$25 application fee. Checks must be made out to "Wheat Ridge Business District."*

NOTE - If applicant is not the property owner, please have the property owner or an authorized representative review and co-sign this application below:

As owner of property at _____, I have reviewed the above application and authorize the operator of _____ at said address to perform improvements described above as part of the Wheat Ridge Business District's Mural Grant Program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Property Owner: _____ **Date:** _____
(Or Authorized Representative)



**Acceptance of General Conditions
For Grant Assistance
_____ (date)**

Re:

GRANTEE:

GRANT AMOUNT:

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

TERMS OF GRANT

ASSISTANCE:

The Grantee is not an agent, servant, employee, or subcontractor of the Wheat Ridge Business District, Inc.

The Grantee shall be solely responsible for all safety conditions and compliance with all safety regulations, building and zoning codes, ordinances, necessary permits, and other applicable regulations.

Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis, and cannot be issued until the project has been fully completed.

The Grantee must submit documentation of proof of payment for completed work to the Wheat Ridge Business District prior to the issuance of funding.

Before funding will be released, representatives of the Wheat Ridge Business District must review the completed project to determine that the actual work performed was the work that was approved.

The project approved for funding by the Wheat Ridge Business District must be completed within one year of approval of the application, unless extended by the Board of Directors. If not completed within the aforementioned timeframe, or the timeframe for completion extended by the Board of Directors, funding from the Wheat Ridge Business District can be revoked by the Board of Directors.

The Grantee waives any claim against and fully releases the Wheat Ridge Business District, Inc., and/or its agents, employees, officers directors from any property damage, personal injury, or other loss relating in any way to the grant awarded under the Revitalization Incentive Program.

Applicant understands that up to a 5% grant management fee will be applied if grant is approved.

ONGOING FINANCIAL COVENANTS:

The Grantee shall be responsible for maintaining valid and sufficient insurance coverage for property damage and personal injury for all property and improvements for which assistance is sought from the Revitalization Incentive Program.

The Grantee agrees to maintain the improvements for at least three years from the check date. The Grantee and the Property Owner (if different) agree that this Acceptance of General Conditions may be filed for record at the Office of the Jefferson County Clerk and to guarantee this condition.

The applicant agrees to inform WRBD of any intent to sell the property within three years and return a pro-rated amount of 33% for each year.

MISCELLANEOUS COVENANT:

The applicant authorizes the Wheat Ridge Business District, Inc., to promote the approved project, including but not limited to displaying a sign at the site (during and after construction), and using photographs and descriptions of the project in informational materials and press releases.

Notarized Signature of Grantee:

(Name of Grantee)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

STATE OF COLORADO)
)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, in the County of _____, State of Colorado, by _____.

My Commission expires _____.

[SEAL]

Signature of Notary

If Grantee is not the property owner, the property owner must review and co-sign this Acceptance of General Conditions below.

As owner of property at _____, I have reviewed the above Acceptance of General Conditions. I authorize the Grantee of _____ (Project Name) at said address to perform façade improvements described above as part of the Wheat Ridge Business District’s Revitalization Incentive Program. As co-signer, I further agree to abide by all of the above terms and conditions of the Acceptance of General Conditions.

Notarized Signature of Property Owner:

Name of Owner/Company

By _____

Name _____

Title _____

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COUNTY OF _____)

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_____.

My Commission expires_____.

[SEAL]

Signature of Notary