



City of Fairmont
Financial Assistance for the Demolition of Blighted Properties
Program Guidelines

The purpose of the City of Fairmont's Demolition Grant program is to protect property values in neighborhoods through encouraging demolition of blighted structures. The encouragement is in the form of financial assistance to Owners/Developers/Contractors for funding a portion of the cost to demolish substandard or dilapidated residential and commercial structures.

The program is not intended to subsidize removal of structures that are not substandard or do not have a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Similarly, it is not intended for removing non-blighted serviceable structures in order for the owner to better utilize the property for another purpose.

The demolition of substandard structures must be completed within one year following approval. The City reserves the right to grant extensions of time under extenuating circumstances.

Grant Amount:

Up to 50% grant of the project cost with a maximum of \$5,000 for residential structures and \$10,000 for commercial structures, while budgeted funds are available.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ownership of property
- Structures is located inside city limits of the City of Fairmont
- Structures eligible – uninhabitable, vacant and/or blighted
- The property owner is current on property taxes
- The structure is a permanent structure
- City Council approval of application is required in advance of demolition

Eligible Use of Funds:

- Demolition
- Disposal

Program Terms and Requirements:

- Completion of application for the purpose of assisting the City Council in determining eligibility under this program
- Proof of ownership
- Copies of itemized estimates for demolition and disposal costs from independent contractors
- Photos of the structure to be demolished



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Upon City Council Approval:

- ☐ Obtain an approved demolition permit and asbestos inspection before work begins
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- ☐ Obtain an approved land disturbance permit before work begins
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- ☐ Complete demolition of structure within one year

- ☐ Submit itemized copies of paid invoices

- ☐ Foundation and building site restoration completed and inspected

Financial assistance will be paid by the City upon completion of the above checklist, demolition, successful inspection(s) of the project, and after submittal of the paid invoice(s). Demolition by the owner is not eligible for this program.

For the purpose of this program, a permanent structure is defined as permanent, with a fixed location on the ground. Examples include a residential structure, garage, mobile home, or commercial structure.

All applications will be submitted to the City Council for approval. Applications are reviewed and approved based upon a first come first served basis, pending funding availability.



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Applicant Name: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address of property to be demolished: _____

1. Description of property and reason for request:

2. What do you plan to do with the property after demolition?

3. Date demolition will be complete by: _____

The applicant agrees to demolish the substandard structure within one year following application date. In addition, the applicant agrees to obtain all necessary demolition and building permits and to observe all applicable Building Code provisions during the demolition and/or construction process. It is further agreed that the applicant will hold the City, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from all claims, acts, or events resulting directly or indirectly on account of this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

FOR CITY USE

_____ Date of Council Action	_____ Approved	_____ Disapproved
_____ Date Demo Permit Issued	_____ Date Grant Proceeds Issued	