VALLEY COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
1514 K Street Ord, Nebraska 68862

# Valley County Downtown/Periphery Area Improvements
## *Rebate Program Application*

Valley County Economic Development offers a dollar-for-dollar rebate program (maximum not to exceed $10,000 per project) for businesses within the business corridor in any of the four Valley County community downtowns. These funds allow for improvements to downtown commercial buildings in any of the four business districts of Ord, Arcadia, Elyria, and North Loup.

**Applications must be submitted, and approved, before work begins**. This is a rolling application cycle and funds will be based on availability at any given point in time, and on a first come, first served basis.

One rebate is allowed per business, per calendar year. Applicants are responsible for paying contractors.

If a situation would arise where damage from any sort of disaster may occur to the project and insurance will cover repairs, the rebate would not apply or be valid as approved, until insurance claims have been finalized. At that time, a committee will review the documentation from repairs and insurance payments to determine what, if any, of the rebate approved is still valid.

**Name of Applicant**: _____ **Date**: _____

**Business Name**: _____

**Business Location**: _____

**Business Phone**: _____

**Business Email**: _____

**Ownership of Property (circle one):** Individual Owner(s) Corporation Other

**Funding Requested for (circle all that apply):**

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| Awning | Cornices | Entrance/Door | Exterior Paint |
| Decorative Detail | Exterior Lighting | Masonry Repair | Tin Removal |
| Exterior Signage | Exterior Windows | Interior Building Improvements | |
| Energy Efficiency | Other _____ | | |

**Total Cost of Project (Must Provide Professional Written Estimates):** $_____

**Business will provide cash match of the amount of:** $_____

**Rebate amount requested:** $_____
(Maximum of 50% of project cost and no more than $10,000)

**How will the use of this rebate improve the aesthetics of your business?**

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**How will this change improve the economic vitality of your business?**

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**What is your project timeline?** *(Projects must be started within 6 months and completed within 1 year if rebate is approved.)*_____

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**How does the improvement enhance the original design of the building (if applicable)?**

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**Is your business a member of the Ord Area Chamber of Commerce (circle one)?** **Yes or No**

**Project Scope (included, but not limited to the following):**

- Improvements to preserve the integrity or physical operation of the brick-and-mortar business.
- Improvements for life safety issues, including fire code compliance and/or ADA access.
- Structural façade improvements as listed above…focusing on facades that face the street preferrable (others may be eligible as well).
- Landscaping and signage
- Building code compliance improvements
- Second story housing
- Building demolition
- Asbestos or other hazardous material removal

**With this application, the following information must be submitted:**

- A "before" picture of the project or project area, **or** an in-person tour to view the project.
- A detailed description with cost estimates of the improvements to be made including materials, size, color, etc.

**Application Process:**

1. This is a rolling application cycle and funding will be based on availability of funds at any given point in time, and is available on a first come, first served basis. (*One rebate opportunity per business, per year*.)

2. Complete the application along with the required supporting documentation and submit it to the Valley County Economic Development Board for review. The board will have the right to determine the periphery of each of the four communities' business districts, and whether the project fits within the required parameters.

3. Proceeds will be distributed upon project completion after verification of expenditures.

**Return the completed application along with required supporting documents to:**

Valley County Economic Development
Attn: Caleb Pollard, Executive Director
1514 K Street Ord, NE 68862

**Questions?**

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