

FROSTBURG MAIN STREET STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION GRANT



GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Frostburg Main Street Structural Stabilization Grant Program is a one-time opportunity offering **up to \$100,000** in grant funding for the stabilization of historic buildings facing Frostburg’s Main Street (see program boundary map). The goal of the program is to ensure that these buildings are structurally sound and safe, allowing for future redevelopment efforts.

Please note: While matching funds are not required, applicants who demonstrate greater capital leverage will receive additional consideration during the scoring process.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Must be for-profit, tax-paying entities in good standing with the City of Frostburg, Allegany County, and the State of Maryland.
- Must own a building located on Main Street within the designated program boundary
- **Note:** Building must be facing Main Street

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The grant will fund structural stabilization efforts, including:

- Foundation repairs
- Roof stabilization
- Exterior wall reinforcement
- Emergency stabilization measures (temporary fixes for immediate safety)
- Weatherproofing and urgent safety concerns (electrical, plumbing, etc.)

NON-ELIBIGLE EXPENSES:

- Operating costs
- Exterior aesthetic improvements not structural in nature
- Interior finishing work (drywall, paint, flooring, etc.)

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Grant funds will be paid out as reimbursements, meaning you’ll pay for work upfront and then request payment after the work is done. Allegany County will arrange and pay for the inspection to verify completion.

To request a payment, you’ll need to submit:

- Invoices and receipts showing what you paid
- A proof-of-payment document (like a canceled check or bank statement)

Each payment will have 10% held back until the project is nearly finished. The final 10% will be paid to the awardee after a final inspection confirms the work is substantially complete. All grant payments will come directly from the Allegany County Board of Commissioners.

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1:

ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Reach out to Deirdre Robertson at director@frostburgfirst.com for a preliminary eligibility check.

STEP 2:

SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION

Submit application & required documents to City of Frostburg.

STEP 3:

REVIEW PANEL EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed by a joint panel of City & County staff

STEP 4:

FROSTBURG CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Review panel makes recommendations, and City staff presents to Frostburg City Council for funding approval.

STEP 5:

ALLEGANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REVIEW

City Council-approved projects are forwarded to the Allegany County Commissioners for final review and funding approval.

STEP 6:

NOTICE TO PROCEED ISSUED

County staff prepares a Notice to Proceed. Eligible expenses that qualify may start at this point.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Applications Open: Friday, July 11, 2025

Application Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025

All grant-funded activities must be completed by June 30, 2026.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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FROSTBURG MAIN STREET STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM BOUNDARY

