



Main Street

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Annual Events

- ★ Picker’s Paradise 6/9
- ★ Freedom Fest 8/17
- ★ Trunk or Treat 10/25
- ★ Shop Small Saturday 11/23
- ★ Lighted Parade & Fun 12/7

Summer Concert Series

June 2nd – August 18th
Sundays, 4 – 8:00 pm

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of East Moline Main Street, I am writing in support of the Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) discretionary grant application for the City of East Moline Greater Downtown Revitalization Project.

The proposed project addresses numerous issues within a blighted downtown district. East Moline Main Street works with the businesses in the downtown area and this opportunity would give us the boost we are so needing. Operating on a shoestring budget, we have been successful with several small-scale beautification projects and have updated seasonal hanging baskets but as a small organization we are only able to do the smaller projects.

All projects are coordinated with a volunteer team that contributes their time, talent and treasure. The current businesses downtown are almost 100% family owned and operated, and the current health concern has hit the area very hard. We have a great community that comes out to shop our downtown and participate in our organized events such as our summer concert series. This grant would make a huge difference for the small business owners, filling empty buildings with new businesses, engaging the community and an increase in tourism. The grant award would quickly demonstrate a return on investment.

Two large developments, The Bend and Rust Belt have brought back life to this area. This project will help build on this momentum and revive the greater downtown area as a vibrant business and entertainment district by connecting the old downtown Main Street and the new repurposed industrial spaces of the Rust Belt and the new construction of the Bend.

This East Moline project will also create a regional, multi-modal oriented destination for business, entertainment, and living that will drive economic and community activity. “Complete streets” implemented through the greater downtown area will provide safe, accessible connections for vehicles, pedestrians, buses, trains, boats, and bicyclists to the established commercial cores, nearby residential neighborhoods, Mississippi River Trail, and the Mississippi River. It will also dramatically enhance the area and create a uniform sense of identity to East Moline’s “Greater Downtown” area with lighting, landscaping, gateway signs, wayfinding signs, parks, and green stormwater infrastructure. We applaud the City’s collaborative efforts aimed at increasing accessibility of improving motorist, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, and connecting regions in the community to help create development, business, and job growth.

East Moline Main Street fully endorses the BUILD grant application and respectfully request that you give the City of East Moline’s application fair and full consideration. We are a deserving area with many partners contributing to this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hansen, President
East Moline Main Street

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