



September 12, 2025

Dear Business Owners,

The City of East Moline is extending the deadline for the BIG (Big Improvement Grant) Program. Originally all applications were due September 30, 2025, by 4:30 PM. The city has extended the BIG Grant application deadline to **October 31, 2025**. The city is excited about the extension and the opportunity for business owners and property owners within the Business Development District (BDD) to submit potential projects.

All projects include exterior and interior work. Eligible projects that will be considered include, façade improvements, painting, re-siding, replacement of doors and windows, code improvements, awning and siding improvements, lighting additions and upgrades, new construction, and accessibility improvements. For a full list of eligible projects please visit the city website at <https://www.eastmoline.com/487/Business-Improvement-Grant-BIG-Program> .

This will be a competitive application process that will be scored by the East Moline Design and Review Board. The board will score each application on design, rehabilitation, preservation, new business opportunity, job creation/business expansion, and business retention within the BDD. This is a great partnership opportunity for the business community and the City of East Moline to improve the look and design of our community.

Property owners and business owners are encouraged to submit their projects for the BIG Program. Based on their score, successful applicants are eligible to receive up to a \$50,000 grant award, forgivable loan over a five-year period. Detailed information regarding the grant can be found on the city's website or by contacting Timothy Wymes, Community Development Director at (309) 752-1597 or tywmes@eastmoline.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Timothy Wymes', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Wymes
Community Development Director
City of East Moline