

GAIA Community Betterment Grant Program

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide the residents of the Garrison Community an incentive to improve lots where there are older non-useable homes or other structures that need to be demolished.

Eligible Locations: Any location in the Garrison area where the applicant can provide supporting data to indicate that the improvement will benefit the community. If a party has received legal notification that the property has been condemned, that party is not eligible for grant assistance.

Eligible Person/Entity: Individuals, civic and non profit groups, businesses, city and county government.

Maximum Grant: The maximum amount of grant per lot is \$500.00. If multiple lots are involved, they require separate applications. For example, for two lots the maximum grant would be \$1,000.00, 3 would be \$1500.00 etc.

Grant Application: To be considered a written letter accompanied by pictures of the location shall be presented to the board of GAIA. The application must indicate the intended use of the property.

Grant Approvals: Approvals will only be granted for requests made *prior* to the beginning of any demolition work. All approvals are subject to funds being available for this program. Once an application is approved, the applicant has 6 months to complete the demolition and cleanup and file for payment. One 30-day extension may be granted due to reasons beyond the control of the applicant.

Payment of Funds: Payment of funds will be made upon completion of the project. A certification by the local government entity that all fees have been paid in full and a confirmation by GAIA inspection that all requirements have been met will precede the disbursement.

******Prior to demolition is is important to contact the Garrison City Auditor's office for permits and any related requirements.**

Application Process

- All applicants must make an appointment with the GAIA Coordinator for a short interview and to obtain an application form.
- All applicants must submit an application accompanied by any supporting information requested by the Coordinator or Board of Directors.
- All applications must be submitted at least one week prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors. A schedule will be provided to the applicant at the time of the interview.
- Applicants will be notified by the GAIA office as to board decisions within one week of review.

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