

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. If multiple lots are involved they require separate applications. For example, for two lots the maximum grant would be \$1,000, 3 would be \$1,500 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 it 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 executive director for a short interview and to obtain an application form.
- ◆ All applicants must submit an application form accompanied by any supporting information requested by the executive director or the 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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