

2026

MURAL

GRANT PROGRAM



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2026 Mural Grant Information Packet

INTRODUCTION

The Mural Grant Program encourages downtown Stevenson businesses to enhance our town's culture through art that tells our story. The Stevenson Downtown Association has been involved in several mural projects from taking the lead on the "Keep Skamania Green" mural at NAPA Auto Parts and the Eva Jane Ferry mural at Clark & Lewie's, to helping streamline the permit process for the mural at High 5 Cannabis, and our most recent mural Skamania County Fair themed mural at Wind River Pharmacy. This is the next step in supporting this art form and its role in creating a fun, welcoming, and culturally reflective space in downtown Stevenson.

PURPOSE

To provide business owners with financial assistance for creating Murals to bring Stevenson's history to life in art form. Through this grant process, SDA can leverage its experience recruiting artists, navigating city permits, and historical knowledge in addition to the grant money to make your Mural project a success.

GRANT AMOUNT & REIMBURSEMENT

The Stevenson Downtown Association may award up to \$2500 for approved project costs. The applicant will be responsible for any remaining costs.

As a reimbursement grant, the Stevenson Downtown Association will reimburse monies for the Mural reimbursement project in full within 30 days of receiving the grant report form. The grant report form should be submitted upon completion of the project and include expenses, receipts, and any approvals needed.

ELIGIBILITY

- Business or property must be physically located within downtown Stevenson, which includes the waterfront.
- Applicants must be in good financial standing with the city.
- Preference will be given to businesses that have not yet received a Mural grant.

GRANT USE

Here are examples of acceptable and unacceptable mural projects:

Acceptable Projects	Unacceptable Projects
Exterior Permanent Structures	Business Branding or Advertising
Local History & Heritage	Objectionable Material
Nature & Landscapes	Plagiarism
Community Values & Diversity	Temporary Structures or Residential Buildings
Whimsical or Interactive Art	

REQUIREMENTS

- “Love Local” mural design focus:
 - heritage, history or iconic events
 - symbols, culture, nature, environment
 - who we are
 - our future
- No proprietary, brand, company logo, or business-specific designs
- Minimum size - 8'x8'
- No copyrighted material
- Design concept must be approved by SDA design committee
- Written approval from property owner
- SDA's assistance with city permit process
- Any approved projects, photos, and business stories can be used

PROCESS

- Submit grant application via email to grants@stevensonmainstreet.org, in person at our office located at 167 2nd Street, or by mail to Stevenson Downtown Association, PO Box 1037, Stevenson WA 98648.

- The Stevenson Downtown Association Economic Vitality Committee will approve or deny the application.
- If selected, the applicant will be notified by email or phone.
- Upon approval, the SDA will submit your plans to the planning commission on your behalf and pay for the permit fees
- Deviation from the approved plan may disqualify the applicant for the grant program. Changes must be approved by the downtown association in order for funding.
- Projects in the grant cycle must be completed and grant reimbursement report submitted in full by November 30th of the grant year.
- One payment in full shall be paid to the grantee within 30 days of downtown association receiving a grant report with approved receipts and proof of business owner approval.

**Stevenson Downtown Association has final approval on any and all grant-funded components of the project. The downtown association has the right to reject any project and reserves the right to postpone, end, or extend the project timeline at any time.*

Preliminary Approval

After the sketch is completed and a building owner has given permission in writing, preliminary approval by the Stevenson Downtown Association is required to continue the process. The Applicant completes the mural application below and presents the mural idea to the Stevenson Downtown Association with the following information.

1. The artist's rendering depiction of the mural
2. Mural Application form completed by Applicant (see below)

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2026 Application

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Business Name: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
4. Physical Address: _____
5. Mural Location: _____
6. Phone Number: _____
7. E-mail: _____
8. Amount of funding requested (not to exceed \$2,500): _____
9. Does the applicant own the building? YES ____ NO ____

If NO, has the applicant received written approval from the building owner?

YES ____ **Please attach signed approval from the property owner.*

NO ____ (We will not be able to approve Mural projects without approval.)

10. Please describe the project for which you are seeking grant funding and explain your artistic vision, current challenge, and potential opportunity, and how this grant will help:

11. The Committee needs to know if the project is durable and safe. Describe the wall condition & preparation of steps. List specific professional-grade paints & protective topcoats that will be used. And lastly, provide a long-term maintenance plan. Will it need future inspections?

12. Please explain how the project will enhance your business (or property) AND our downtown community:

13. What is the proposed project implementation timeline?:

(To be completed before November 30th within the grant year of application)

14. Estimated project cost (attach estimates): _____

15. Grants will be awarded for amounts up to \$2500. Grant matches will not be required. However, if your project exceeds \$2500, or if you don't receive full funding from the Stevenson Downtown Association for total project costs, are you able to cover the additional expenses?

YES _____ NO _____

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the requested grant funds will be used only for purposes described in this application. I understand it is my responsibility to obtain all necessary permits and to make sure my project meets all state and local laws and codes. I certify that I will not change the proposed project description if awarded a grant, unless there is written approval from the Stevenson Downtown Association.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mural Grant Program 2026 Application Checklist

Thank you for your interest in the Stevenson Downtown Association's Mural Grant Program.

Please submit a **complete** application packet by email, in-person, or by mail with the following items:

- ☐ Application form
- ☐ Estimated project cost
- ☐ Current and old photos of building or site
- ☐ Building drawings or sketches illustrating proposed project
- ☐ Color schemes if applicable
- ☐ Sample materials as necessary
- ☐ Property owner written approval as necessary