

## **E-News From Bangor**

### **Bangor Downtown Development Authority Announces Grants**

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#### **For Immediate Release:**

The Bangor Downtown Development Authority (BDDA) announced 5 grant awards to downtown merchants. The BDDA initiated a facade improvement program to encourage businesses to make improvements to their downtown storefronts. The BDDA made the awards after a meeting on Sept. 14, 2005.

DDA President Ms. Lu Robertson said the program offers grant "incentives to help our businesses grow and prosper in our community. They give so much to our community through employment, services and support for all sorts of community efforts, this is a way we can provide them resources to grow."

Those receiving grants in 2005 include:

1. Facade Improvement Grant (25% of total improvement up to \$5,000) - to Bangor Restoration LLC, Mr. Bob Emmert, for the Bangor Elevator's new facade at 240 West Monroe Street - amount awarded, \$5,000.

2. Facade Improvement Grant (25% of total improvement up to \$5,000), - to Beacon Specialized Living Services, Mr. Ken Ratzlaff, for restoration of the original log store front facade at 248 Railroad Street - amount awarded, \$3,250

3. Paint the Town Grant (50% of total costs up to \$1,000) - to Beacon Specialized Living Services, Mr. Ken Ratzlaff, for restoration of the painting and staining of restored original log store front facade at 248 Railroad Street - amount awarded, \$1,000.

4. Design Assistance Grant (80% of total cost up to \$500) - to Bangor Tavern, Mr. Mike Wirick and John Yore, for the architectural design of a new facade at 233 West Monroe - amount awarded \$500.

5. Design Assistance Grant (80% of total cost up to \$500) - to Bangor Tavern, Mr. Mike Wirick and John Yore, for the architectural design of a new facade at 237 West Monroe - amount awarded \$500.

The BDDA made available grants for facade design assistance, signage improvements, facade painting and facade improvements. All of the grants require owners to also invest funds in their facades. All of the grants are geared to assist projects that can start within 30-120 days of award. The BDDA escrowed some funds for projects that were not yet ready to begin.

The next round of grant applications will be available in January 2006 with a deadline of April 30, 2006.

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