



# Clean Up & Revitalization Grant-Commercial

The primary intent of the Clean Up & Revitalization grant is to enhance our community by removing dilapidated structures and debris to be replaced with new construction or improvements that will increase the value of the property.

## General Guidelines

A matching grant up to \$1,500 is available for a qualifying clean-up project without plans to rebuild.

The property owner may apply for up to \$3,000, with the amount requested to be matched dollar for dollar. For example, if the total project cost is \$2,000, the project is eligible for a \$1,000 grant; if the total project cost is \$7,700, the project is eligible for \$3,000 (maximum amount).

Applications must be received in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for SCED to evaluate the project before making a decision at the next Economic Development monthly meeting.

The property owner agrees to provide:

1. Completed application.
2. Photos of the structure to be torn down or trees/debris to be removed.
3. A bid from a contractor if hiring the work done. Work done by property owners does qualify for a revitalization grant.
4. Proof that property taxes are paid up to date. This can be obtained from the County Treasurer.
5. The city building inspector and/or members of the SCED board access to inspect the interior of a dwelling to determine if it is a candidate for renovation.

*All grant requests are subject to available funds.*

If rebuilding, property owners are encouraged to take advantage of the Smith County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan to qualify for property tax rebates for qualified improvements. The property owner must file and have approved, an application with the County Appraiser before construction begins.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) of property to be revitalized: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address including specific location of the proposed demolition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of company or individual(s) that will be doing the demolition work, including mailing address(es) and phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**To qualify for a Clean Up & Revitalization Grant**

Describe the nature of the project including the type of structure to be torn down and cleared, trash to be hauled away, trees removed, or other clean up included in the project.

Describe how clearing the property would benefit the neighborhood or community. (Is it an eyesore, affecting property values or hindering the ability to sell adjoining property? Health and/or safety hazard?)

What is the expected date of completion for clean up? \_\_\_\_\_

Give a description of how liability issues will be handled, if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain what will be done with the property (or adjoining lot under the same ownership) after it is cleared.

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1. SCED will notify you after the next SCED board meeting and subsequent City Council meeting of approval or denial of the grant either by phone call, in writing, or both.
2. Grant request must be approved before any demolition begins to qualify for a grant payment.
3. There is a (4) four month time limit from the date of approval to the date of demolition completion or the property owner risks losing the grant. If the contractor is unable to start the job in that time period, please advise SCED of the delay.
4. Call Dig Safe 811 or Kansas One Call well in advance of the demolition.
5. Call the City Office at least one business day before the demolition is scheduled, so that a city employee can cap sewer and water lines, if there are any.

**To receive the grant:**

1. The property owner or contractor must notify SCED once the demolition project has been completed, for inspection and final approval.
2. Provide a receipt or cancelled check to verify the contractor has been paid, if using a contractor.
3. A grant presentation will be scheduled to present the reimbursement check from the City of Smith Center/Economic Development with a photograph taken to be published in the Smith County Pioneer and social media.
4. A temporary sign will be displayed on the property for 30 days designating the clean-up was paid for in part by SCED Cleanup and Revitalization program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_