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ATTENTION: DEADLINE THIS WEEK!**



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## **MONROE MAIN STREET OFFERS REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Monroe Main Street is soliciting Redevelopment Incentive Grant applications from downtown building and/or business owners. The Monroe Main Street program is able to offer two types of competitive grants: a \$10,000 grant for major projects and a \$2,500 grant for minor projects.

Applications received from Monroe Main Street building and/or business owners will compete statewide for funding with other Main Street communities' applications.

In the past year, Monroe Main Street has received \$10,000 in redevelopment grant funds from the Louisiana Main Street program. Local building and/or business owners have matched the grant funds with over \$10,000 of their own money, resulting in an investment of \$20,000 in improvements to the old R & A Jewelers building downtown Monroe properties.

To be eligible for Redevelopment Incentive Grant funds through the program, a building must be located within the downtown Main Street district, be used for commercial purposes, and be at least 50 years old. **In addition, the proposed work must be approved by the local historic district commission and the Louisiana Main Street office, while also conforming to the guidelines set forth by the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*. Their deadline to be put on the agenda for the meeting on June 2, is Thursday, May 5. If you have questions or to get on the agenda, contact: JoAnne Poret at 318-329-2430 and submit an application on the city of Monroe website for a \$75 fee.**

Monroe Main Street Redevelopment Incentive grants are reimbursable matching grants that can be used for exterior or interior rehabilitation projects.

All grant applications must be submitted to the Monroe Main Street office at 401 Lea Joyner Expressway, Monroe, LA 71201 by June 20, 2016. If awarded a Redevelopment Incentive Grant, the applicant has until June 28, 2017 to complete the work and submit the required reimbursement documentation.

If you are located in downtown and want to know if you are in district and eligible to apply, please contact:  
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