

Main Street High Side Project Business Support Grant

The purpose of the Main Street High Side Project Business Support Grant is to aid in assisting businesses impacted by the High Side Project, which is located on the east side of Main Street between Broadway Street and West Lexington Avenue. This is a supplemental grant intended to offset loss of revenues caused by incremental closures and other unforeseen impacts during construction in businesses in the Downtown Winchester Historic District during the High Side construction phase.

Eligibility

- Any commercial business in the Downtown Historic District. (Preference will be given to businesses that rely on 50% walk-in traffic.)
- Business must currently be open for business a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week.
- Businesses must be located inside the Downtown Development Investment Fund district.
- Up to date on applicable fees generated by the City of Winchester which includes (but is not limited to) business license, code enforcement, property taxes, etc.
- Submission of a short narrative evidencing financial impacts during the High Side Project.

Program Parameters

- Grant applications will be available until January 1, 2026.
- Businesses will only be eligible for the High Side Grant one (1) time.
- Eligible Funds: \$3,000.00 per business.
- Funds will be distributed following review by the Downtown Development Investment Fund (DDIF) Committee, following recommendations from an advisory committee consisting of Downtown Property Owners and Building Owners. (Individuals serving on the advisory committee cannot apply for grants, nor own properties where businesses are seeking funds.)