



Gulfport Main Street Association is committed to cultivating our downtown district's resources, including embracing and assisting our existing businesses. To that end, GMSA has designed a small business grant program to assist small businesses with needs that will help them grow and thrive in this challenging economy. Grants will be awarded to selected businesses on a competitive basis; not all applications will be funded. Priority will be placed upon applications where proposed projects will result in growth of the subject business and where local vendors are utilized. No expenses incurred prior to the date of grant award will be allowed.

To apply, review the guidelines below and complete the application on the opposite side of this form. You must provide all requested information to be eligible. **Completed applications must be received by September 19, 2014 at noon to be eligible. No late entries will be allowed.**

#### Guidelines and Eligibility Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gulfport Main Street Association Member (application attached) is required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business must have been in existence for 60 days and the business must either (1) own the building where the business resides or (2) have an existing lease of one year or more. Please attach documentation to this application (copy of lease, etc.).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entire application must be completed, either typed or clearly hand-written.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business must be located within the Main Street District (map attached)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business must be locally owned, not a chain or franchise, and have fewer than 25 employees.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Application must contain a detailed description of the proposed project to be funded (separate sheet if necessary).
- \_\_\_\_\_ If selected, business will be required to complete a grant accountability form within three months, certifying that the proposed project has been completed. In addition, grantees must agree to allow Gulfport Main Street Association and the City of Gulfport to use their information and photographs to promote the grant program and ongoing revitalization of downtown Gulfport.

#### Additional Information

- Gulfport Main Street Association has the right to terminate this program at any time.
- This is a reimbursement grant program. Funds may be paid directly to vendors or applicant may be reimbursed for approved expenditures incurred after the date of the grant award. Local vendors must be used when available.
- A total of up to \$15,000 has been allocated for this program. Individual grant maximum is \$2,500.
- Specific terms and conditions of each grant award will be specified in the grant agreement upon award.

Mail forms to: **Gulfport Main Street Association**  
**P.O. Box 1780**  
**Gulfport, MS 39502**

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

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently open for business: YES NO Date opened: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of full time employees: \_\_\_\_\_ Part time: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID: \_\_\_\_\_ State ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief statement of how you see your business growing over the next 5 years:

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How do you plan use grant funds if awarded? Please use additional sheet and attach photos if necessary. Additional information such as matching funds and timeliness may be included on additional sheet.

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Please select a category for your funding request: Project Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_

Advertising/Marketing Technology Physical Improvements Equipment Other

By signing this application, I certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that information will be kept confidential and that the selection of the grant recipients is at the sole discretion of Gulfport Main Street Association.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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