



# Smith Center Economic Development

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## Revitalization Grant Application for property zoned Residential

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

**All grant requests are subject to available funds**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Address including specific location of the proposed demolition: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Name of group or individuals who will be doing the demolition work:

Contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### General Guidelines

A grant up to \$500 is available for a qualifying clean-up only project without plans to rebuild. An additional grant may be available upon completion of a building project that increases the property value on the lots that had the demolition work.

Request must be in the Economic Development office by the first business day of the month to allow time to evaluate the project before making a decision at the next Economic Development meeting.

Property Taxes must be paid up to date.

Provide photos of the structure to be torn down with this completed application.

Property Owner must agree to accompany the city building inspector and/or member of the E.D. board to inspect the interior if the structure is a house to assess whether the structure is inhabitable.

Grant request must be approved before any demolition begins to receive any grant payment.

Work done by property owners does qualify for a revitalization grant.

**To qualify for a Revitalization Grant:**

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

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Describe how clearing the property would benefit the neighborhood or community. (Is it an eyesore, affecting property values or salability of adjoining property? Is it a health or safety hazard?)

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

Give a description of how liability issues will be handled if necessary

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

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Economic Development Director will notify you after the next E.D. board meeting and subsequent City Council meeting of approval or denial of the grant either by phone call, in writing, or both.

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 the E.D. Director of the delay.

Call Dig Safe 811 or Kansas One Call well in advance of the demotion.

Call the City office at least one business day before the demolitions is scheduled so that a city employee can cap sewer and water lines.

To receive the grant the property owner or contractor must notify Economic Development once the demolition project has been completed for inspection and final approval and provide a receipt or cancelled check to verify the contractor has been paid if using a contractor. A check from the City of Smith Center/Economic Development will be mailed to the property owner.

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.

Upon completion of a building project on the cleared property you are encouraged to contact SCED to apply for a Revitalization Rebuild Grant. The rebuild grant will be based on approximately 10% of the new appraised value of the improvement up to a limit of \$2000. Upon request the County Appraiser will provide an assessment form after your building project is completed to submit to Economic Development

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