

**ORDINANCE NO 03-2015**

**GRAND RIVERS RENAISSANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR REAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it appropriate to support the development and improvement of real property within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes there are deteriorated and dilapidated dwellings and real property and dwellings within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes there are areas of real property suitable for the construction of new dwellings within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to encourage and emphasize the benefit to the City of Grand Rivers when existing dilapidated and deteriorating property is improved and when new dwellings are constructed within the city on suitable vacant properties;

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY DOES ORDAIN:**

**SECTION 1. Renaissance Grants**

The City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky hereby establishes the Grand Rivers Renaissance Grant Program, hereinafter "Program." The Program may annually be funded by the Grand Rivers City Council for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible applicants based on the criteria set forth herein.

**Dwellings - \$2,000.00**

The Grand Rivers City Council may award grants in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per grant to eligible applicants following the completion of new construction of single-family dwellings and application for award.

**Real Property Improvements - \$1,000.00**

The Grand Rivers City Council may award grants in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per grant to eligible applicants following the completion of razing and removal of deteriorated and dilapidated homes and application for award.

**SECTION 2. Eligibility**

**Dwellings**

Individuals undertaking new construction of single-family dwellings within the city may be eligible for grants under the Program. Applicants shall be citizens and shall hold title to the real property where improvements are made.

Only single-family dwellings shall be considered for award. Commercial buildings and multi-unit structures are not eligible for award.

Eligible applicants shall apply during the fiscal year construction is completed.

Grants under the Program will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Grand Rivers City Council.

## **Real Property Improvements**

Individuals undertaking real property improvements to dilapidated and deteriorated structures within the city may be eligible for grants under the Program. Applicants shall be citizens and shall hold title to the real property where improvements are made.

Only the razing and removal of an existing deteriorated and dilapidated homes shall be considered for award. Alterations and improvements to commercial buildings and multi-unit structures are not eligible for award.

Eligible applicants shall apply during the fiscal year construction is completed.

Grants under the Program will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Grand Rivers City Council.

### **SECTION 3. Application and Evaluation**

Eligible applicants shall make written application to the City of Grand Rivers City Council at Grand Rivers City Hall. Applicants may apply for and receive either or both grants.

Applications for consideration shall contain the following:

1. Written description of improvements to property
2. Itemization of expenses incurred for property improvement
3. Deed reflecting ownership of property
4. Photographs displaying improvement in property
5. Copy of Applicant's Driver's License

Following submission of written application, applicants will be required to attend a meeting of the Grand Rivers City Council to present their application for consideration and evaluation.

### **SECTION 4. Award**

Following evaluation of applicants, the Grand Rivers City Council may award Program grants in an amount not to exceed the total allocation for the program for the fiscal year of application.

### **SECTION 5. Residency Grants**

Grant recipients herein may receive an additional, separate, Residency Grant in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) at the sole discretion of the Grand Rivers City Council. Residency grants may be awarded by Grand Rivers City Council to those recipients whom the council is satisfied are permanent city residents within six months of occupancy of the residence.

### **SECTION 6. Enactment**

This ordinance shall be read on two (2) separate days and will become effective upon publication of title and certified summary thereof.

Date of First Reading of Ordinance: June 9, 2015

Date of Second Reading of Ordinance:

Date of Publication of Ordinance:

Ordinance published in: Livingston Ledger

Ordinance Referenced: Minutes Book , Page

B.T. Moodie  
B. T. Moodie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily Morgan, City Clerk

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Emily Morgan, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed clerk of the City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky, that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, that the Ordinance referred to therein is in the form presented to said meeting and in the form executed, and the said ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the Official City Ordinance Book and is still in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Emily Morgan, City Clerk