



Announcing the Douglas County 2021 Barn Assessment Grant Program



The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council's Barn Assessment Grant Program has been established to help underwrite the cost of structural barn assessments.

Grant Deadline: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

1. The evaluation of a barn structure will be performed by a professional familiar with barn construction and approved by the Kansas Barn Alliance Board of Directors.
 - a. The evaluation will provide an analysis of the present condition of the structure.
 - b. The evaluation will itemize repairs needed in order of importance to allow for work to be done in phases.
 - c. The prioritized list will contain approximate expenses for each phase of work. These cost estimates are not in any way to be assumed to be guaranteed. Only the contractor chosen for the work can give an accurate estimate of costs.

The separation of phases of work allow the owner to budget for the future or to apply for grants if that is appropriate. It will also permit owner to determine what work might be undertaken by him or herself.

2. The grant funds will be paid directly to the professional doing the evaluation.
3. Applicants must be an owner of a barn in Douglas County. Barn owners who receive grant awards will also receive a one-year free membership to the Kansas Barn Alliance (KBA).
4. Criteria to be considered by grant committee (not necessarily in this order):
 - a. Applicant shall be the owner of the barn or must have written **approval of owner**.
 - b. **Planned use for repaired barn** should be described. Include business plan if commercial use is planned.

- c. The **present use of barn** should be stated. Photo documentation of interior and exterior of the barn should be included. Include at least 8 photos showing both sides of each wall as much as possible. These may be printed photos or the photos may be burned to a disk.
- d. The **history of the barn** is to be included from the present owner back to its original owner and builder if possible.

The above information should be included in a 350 word or less explanation of the reasons for the grant request. (See #4 on page 2 of Application.)

- e. Owner should be willing to have farmstead information entered on the Kansas Historical Society's Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI). *This is a record of pre-1950 barns and farmsteads and other properties. It is **not** a listing on either the Kansas Register or National Register of Historic Places.*
- f. Barn or farmstead should have enough integrity to be a potential listing on the National Register of Historic Places whether the owner wishes to pursue it or not.

Owner shall be given complete information of the advantages of being listed on the National Register or the Kansas Register of Historic Places, and information on tax credits available.

- g. Please include contact information for 2 references confirming barn owner's commitment to rehabilitation of the barn receiving these grant funds.
5. Complete all parts of the application and have it postmarked by June 15, 2021. Email applications to: jshupertarick@douglascountyks.org or mail to: Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council, 1006 New Hampshire Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Thank you for your interest in saving our rural icons – our barns!

Grant Application for Barn Assessment Grant Program
Douglas County, Kansas
Deadline: June 15, 2021

Applicant:

Name_____

Address_____

City and zip code_____

E-mail address_____

Home phone_____cell phone_____

Address of barn if different from applicant_____

Name and contact information if owner is different than applicant:

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

E-mail_____

Phone_____Cell phone_____

Include a signed statement of permission from owner if different than applicant.

Contact information for occupant at barn location:

Name_____

E-mail_____

Phone_____Cell phone_____

Grant Application

1. Briefly describe planned use for barn after rehabilitation. (Limit 250 characters)

2 What is the present use of the barn? (Limit 250 characters)

3. Include at least 8 photos (jpg format) showing all sides of the barn exterior and interior as much as possible. These may be on a CD (computer disk) or a thumb drive.

4. On a separate paper, please tell the history of the barn as much as possible from the date of original construction, if known, and owner to the present time. Limit 350 words. Please include the reason for seeking this grant.

5. Please include names and contact information for 2 references.

1. _____

2. _____

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council members/HCC staff and/or their representatives will make personal visits to barns that are finalists in June 2021.

Mail this application to: Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council, 1006 New Hampshire Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044 or email application in pdf format to:

jshupertarick@douglascountyks.org

I agree to allow the Kansas Barn Alliance/Douglas County Heritage Office to use the barn images submitted with this application.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

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