



Dear Grant Applicant:

The Iowa Barn Foundation is pleased that you are interested in maintaining your barn. It is hoped that these grants may save many Iowa barns that otherwise might be lost.

Enclosed is an **Iowa Barn Foundation Restoration Grant Application**. This grant is a 50/50 match, it is a reimbursement grant, the finished project must be inspected by IBF, and an easement must be signed.

Your historic barn may need a great amount of work or it may simply need minor repair work such as foundation work or a new roof, in other words, you may need a small grant or a large grant to restore your barn.

The Iowa Barn Foundation Restoration Grant is really aimed at saving good barns in need of repair: a new roof, roof repair, some siding, or a repair of the foundation.

These are matching grants. Any funds from the Iowa Barn Foundation must be matched by you or another source of funding. Grants are awarded at our board meeting and the grant is funded when the project is completed. An IBF easement agreement must be signed and filed before any funds can be paid.

Please include the following: Completed application (typed or printed), photos with your name on the back, bids for the cost of the project, and anything else mentioned on the application form, including a \$25 Application Fee. Nothing will be returned to you. (The signed easement form will be submitted toward the end of the project).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Iowa Barn Foundation. Call or email: Andrea Corcoran, Phone - 515-326-1232; Email – [acorcoran91@gmail.com](mailto:acorcoran91@gmail.com)

**Note about the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) designation:**

Barn owners who have a preservation project (for instance, if the barn is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places designation, which may play a part in your preservation plans), are encouraged to apply for a grant from the State of Iowa. The State grant is for 75% and can be coupled with a Federal grant of 20%.

An Iowa Barn Foundation grant for the funds to pay someone to prepare the State grant application is available from the Iowa Barn Foundation. For more information about the NRHP, see web page links at the bottom of this letter.

## **IOWA BARN FOUNDATION GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS**

1. All grants must be matched with funds of the property owner.
2. Priority will be given to barns in their original site and of historical significance.
3. Barns must be 50 years or older and be used for agricultural purposes.
4. If awarded a grant, work must begin within 1 year and the project completed within 2 years.
5. Barns must be restored as closely as possible to the original. Metal siding and vinyl/metal windows are not allowed, and adornments such as quilt blocks are not permitted. Shingled roofs are preferred, but metal roofs will be permitted if a grey or beige color is used in keeping with the old barn look.
6. A perpetual easement must be signed. The easement will be filed in the respective county courthouse. This means the easement remains with the barn should the property be sold. The barn cannot be torn down. In fact, it must be kept up. (The signed easement form will be submitted toward the end of the project).
7. Checks are written when the ENTIRE project is completed: windows and doors repaired, barn is structurally sound, roof is repaired and barn is painted.
8. If your grant is approved, you will be notified.

A \$25 Application Fee must be submitted. Make checks payable to Iowa Barn Foundation. Include your check with your Grant Application.

Send your completed Grant Application and all required attachments (including your check) to:  
Iowa Barn Foundation, c/o Andrea Corcoran, 533 Polk Blvd., Des Moines, IA 50312

### **Important Grant Information regarding the easement**

Please note that anyone receiving a grant to fix up their barn will also have to sign a “perpetual” easement. The easement will be filed in the respective county courthouse. This means the easement remains with the barn should the property be sold. The barn cannot be torn down. In fact, it must be kept up.

The easement basically states that barn owners receiving grants must:

1. Permit public access two 12-hour days per year;
2. Permit unlimited photography, videotaping, and other imaging of the structure;
3. Use structure only for farming, agricultural or horticultural production;
4. Allow a plaque to be affixed to the building identifying it as a project of the Iowa Barn Foundation. It will include names of grantors, names of donors to the project, as well as Iowa Barn Foundation's involvement;
5. Cooperate with and participate in nominating the structure for inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places (if this applies);
6. Repair and maintain structure in its easement condition during the duration of easement, ordinary wear and tear excepted;
7. Maintain insurance against loss by fire, tornado, snow load, wind and other hazards;
8. Maintain at all times public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per incident;
9. Notify the Iowa Barn Foundation in writing—anytime property is transferred—prior to transfer. Any document of transfer shall expressly refer to the easement and be subject to its terms and condition.

For more information about the NRHP, see the *National Register of Historic Places Program: Fundamentals* web page ([https://www.nps.gov/nr/national\\_register\\_fundamentals.htm](https://www.nps.gov/nr/national_register_fundamentals.htm)). Details of their criteria can be seen on the *National Register Criteria For Evaluation* webpage ([https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/nrb15\\_2.htm](https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/nrb15_2.htm)).