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.

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 representative will inspect the project upon completion.

Applications are only accepted from active member donors of the Iowa Barn Foundation. Member donors receive our spring and fall magazines which include barn tour information and barn related stories.   Information on becoming a member donor starting at a $50 donation can be found at the following website: *iowabarnfoundation.org/product/membership*

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. Application materials will not be returned to you.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Iowa Barn Foundation. Call or email: Roxanne Mehlisch, Phone – 641-751-1406; Email – mehlisch@netins.net

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. Other farm structures, used for agricultural purposes, may be considered for a grant with approval by the board. Houses are excluded from this consideration.

4. Barns must be used for agricultural-related purposes or personal non-commercial use.

5. If awarded a grant, work must begin within 1 year and the project completed within 2 years.

6. Barns must be restored as closely as possible to the original. Metal siding and vinyl/ metal windows are not allowed. External adornments that distract from the historical character of the barn are discouraged (exception for tasteful quilt blocks). Shingled roofs are preferred, but metal roofs will be permitted if in keeping with the old barn look.

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.

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Send your completed Grant Application and all required attachments to: Iowa Barn Foundation, c/o Andrea Corcoran, 207 42nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50312

Important Grant Information
Please note that anyone receiving a grant to fix up their barn will agree to the following:

1. Permit public access two 8-hour days per year on the annual All State Barn Tour.

2. Permit unlimited photography, videotaping, and other imaging of the structure.

3. Use structure only for farming/agricultural/horticultural related purposes or personal non-commercial use.

4. Allow a plaque to be affixed to the building identifying it as a project of the Iowa Barn Foundation.

5. Repair and maintain structure-ordinary wear and tear excepted.

6. Maintain insurance against loss by fire, tornado, snow load, wind and other hazards.

7. Maintain at all times public liability insurance in an amount not less than $1,000,000 per incident.

8. Notify the Iowa Barn Foundation in writing—anytime property is transferred—prior to transfer.

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