



MAIN STREET AMERICA FY24 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES

Main Street America (MSA) leads a collaborative movement with partners and grassroots leaders that advances shared prosperity, creates resilient economies, and improves quality of life through place-based economic development and community preservation in historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts across the country.

Over 2 million people live or work within a local Main Street America district.

FY24 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS TO SUPPORT MAIN STREETS

Main Street programs at the state and local level use a combination of federal programs to build local capacity, redevelop underutilized buildings, and support small businesses. Enhancing these existing programs can provide additional program development and project funding to Main Street programs nationwide.

Historic Preservation Fund

Aligned with recommendations of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street America supports \$225M request for the Historic Preservation Fund, with **specific emphasis on \$17M for Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants**, which provide innovative solutions to support property rehabilitation in rural Main Street districts.

USDA Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

RCDI grants provide capacity building assistance to Main Street communities for essential training and development activities. Main Street America recommends that, within funds provided, **no less than \$2 million** shall be for relevant state, local, and non-profit entities seeking to build capacity for downtown revitalization through education, training, and technical assistance.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

CDBG funds provide essential support to state, county, and city-level Main Street programs for downtown projects along with training to help communities and small businesses. Main Street America recommends an increase in funding at **\$4.2B in line with CDBG Coalition request**.

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