



Invitation to Apply for an 8x8 Barn Quilt Grant

Background:

The Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail is a tourism/rural enhancement project that was founded in 2014.

What is a Barn Quilt? "Barn quilts are painted quilt squares, usually fashioned on boards and then mounted on a barn or other building. While cloth quilts are usually made up of a series of squares of the same pattern placed together, a barn quilt is almost always a single square." (Definition from Barn Quilt Info website (www.barnquiltinfo.com.)

Barn Quilts typically measure 4-by-4 feet or 8-by-8 feet and are painted panels (plywood framed with 2-by-4s). They often commemorate or honor a person, family, location, or historical event. They adhere to a common set of standards for materials, construction and painting.

More information is available on the website <http://barnquiltsashtabulacounty.com>.

Grant Criteria:

In late 2014, the Civic Development Corporation (CDC) of Ashtabula County, in recognition of the tourism potential of the Barn Quilt Trail, awarded the Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail Steering Committee a grant to fund at least 12 new 8-by-8 foot Barn Quilts in Ashtabula County.

Grants of up to \$500 per Barn Quilt will be awarded on a competitive, scored basis. Applicants are encouraged to materially participate in their project, either with cash or in-kind services, in order to maximize the number of grants awarded. The Selection Committee will prioritize applications based upon:

- The historical or cultural significance of the property;
- The visibility of the site, and the aesthetics/condition of the building;
- The pattern and color scheme of the proposed Barn Quilt;
- The tenure of family ownership/farm operation.

Applications will be accepted by mail or email. The deadline for applying is April 30, 2015. Awards will be announced in May 2015.

Successful applicants agree to the following grant conditions:

- Grant funding will be limited to the cost of materials or the cost of having a contract artist build and paint the Barn Quilt.
- Reimbursement will be made to applicant upon presentation of an invoice for the materials or contract amount. The Barn Quilt must be installed prior to reimbursement.
- Any leftover paint purchased with grant money is to be donated to the Steering Committee's paint bank.
- Installation will be the applicant's responsibility. Installation must be done in accordance with the standards set forth by the Steering Committee.
- The applicant is responsible for any zoning or architectural review permitting fees and inspections.
- The applicant is responsible for long-term maintenance of the Barn Quilt.
- The Barn Quilt must be installed between May 31 and Sept. 1, 2015. Existing Barn Quilts are not eligible for this grant.

Additional Information:

Please read before submitting the application or calling us.

If your project is accepted for funding, you will need to sign an application/agreement to be on the Trail and abide by the requirements of the Trail (this application is online at <http://barnquiltsashtabulacounty.com>).

Once we have received the completed application and the Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail Steering Committee has accepted your project, you will be notified and technical assistance will be offered in the following areas:

- Selection of the pattern and transferring it to a Barn Quilt media;
- Painting of the Barn Quilt;
- Installation suggestions and best practices.

An informational meeting, at which these topics will be covered, will be held in May with the successful applicants for this grant.

Please note that the primary purpose of the Barn Quilt Trail Steering Committee is to grow and promote the Trail. We do not paint/build Barn Quilts or install Barn Quilts. We can suggest contractors for these services, however. Please see our website.

Application deadline is April 30, 2015. No applications will be accepted for the first round of funding after that date.

Awards will be announced in May 2015. Barn Quilts approved under the terms and funding of this grant must be installed by Sept. 1, 2015.

Submit application by email to application@barnquiltsashtabulacounty.com OR by mail to:

Ashtabula County Barn Quilt Trail Steering Committee

c/o Lori Robishaw, Executive Director

Ashtabula Arts Center

2928 W. 13th Street

Ashtabula, OH 44004

Include the following in your application package: The application, a drawing of your quilt pattern on graph paper (if you know the design that interests you), a simple map or drawing of the placement of the Barn Quilt and building it will be on, and a photo of the property (optional).

Questions? Visit our website first: barnquiltsashtabulacounty.com

- Kathy McCarty, 812-1997, for general questions regarding Barn Quilts, the Trail, painting and installation.
- Carl Feather, 576-3768, for questions about the grant, application process or scoring criteria.
- Lori Robishaw, 964-3396, for questions regarding accounting and grant administration.

2015 Application
8X8 Barn Quilt Grant
Application deadline: April 30, 2015



Amount requested: Maximum is \$500	\$
Your contribution will help us stretch our grant dollars	Matching cash \$ _____ In-kind: (such as installation) _____ Other: _____
Applicant name and physical address Property must be in Ashtabula County, Ohio	Name: _____ Street: _____ City, Township or Village (not mailing address): _____
Applicant is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit [501(c)(3)] <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Contact person information	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address of property where Barn Quilt will be installed	Use street address only: _____
Type of building:	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Other farm building (explain) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Government Building
Proposed location on building (include map/photo showing street/road orientation).	<input type="checkbox"/> Front facing: <input type="checkbox"/> Side facing: Note: Barn Quilts must be visible from a public-access road to be on the Trail.

About the Building:

Year built:	Builder name (if known):	Size (width x length x height):
Present use:	Condition:	Year of last painting:
Construction type:	Siding type:	Special features:
Public access? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Commercial use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain nature of business:

Narrative:

In this space, or on a separate sheet of paper, please tell us:

1. Why you want your property to be on the Barn Quilt Trail;
2. Your plans for the Barn Quilt itself (including who will build, paint and install it);
3. If you have selected a quilt pattern, the significance of that pattern and its color scheme.

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I have read the above guidelines, reviewed the construction and installation standards and understand the goals of the Trail and the criteria for this grant application. Accordingly, I submit the following information for consideration for the grant.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date