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DIAMOND SQUARE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION





Purpose

The Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Residential Beautification Program (hereinafter the "Program") was established by the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA)" to encourage residents of the Diamond Square area to improve the exterior of their residences, thereby reducing blight conditions and improving the aesthetics of the community. Through the Diamond Square Redevelopment Plan the CRA is authorized to "support and encourage improved appearance and design of both public and private projects. Strategies may include, but are not limited to, developing design guidelines, providing design assistance, facade grant and/or paint programs, incentives, and partnerships with both the public and private sector." The Program allows eligible applicants to share with the CRA the cost of landscaping supplies for an existing residential property within the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area.

II. Availability of Funds

This Program is subject to the availability of funds in the CRA's Diamond Square Redevelopment Area. If such funds are available and allocated to this Program, the funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to home owners meeting all Program guidelines. Up to \$500.00 for selected landscaping supplies will be awarded per approved project. The recipient shall be responsible for the planting and all additional costs associated with the project. The CRA reserves sole discretion in the review of applications and in awarding funds under this Program.

III. Eligibility

The residential dwelling (hereinafter the "Home") must be located within the Diamond Community Redevelopment Area.

- 1. The Home Owner must reside in the Home requesting participation in the Beautification Program.
- 2. The Home shall have no existing code violations and the owner shall not be named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
- 3. The project shall consist of landscaping supplies outside of the Home. Current members of the CRA or City Staff are not eligible.
- 4. Applications may be considered according to an "application cycle" established by the CRA, whereby the application process will be open only to residents.

IV. Applicant Requirements/Program Process

- The applicant must obtain and submit a completed Diamond Square CRA Beautification Program
 application to CRA staff with all required attachments.
- 2. Within 30 business days the CRA staff will review the application and notify the applicant, in writing, of its approval, denial for failure to meet Program requirements or to request missing or additional information needed to complete review.
- 3. The application must include the chosen plants/bushes and or mulch and color photographs of the area to be landscaped ("before" photos).
- 4. All plantings must be in the front of the home and within street-view.
- 5. All plantings must be "Florida Friendly", shrubs or bushes ("Florida Friendly" is defined as- quality landscapes that conserve water, protect the environment, are adaptable to local conditions, and are drought tolerant.)
- 6. Upon application approval, the applicant will consult with CRA staff and a representative from an approved landscaping company to determine what shrubs/plants/bushes will be selected in order to complete the landscaping.

- 6. After selection and delivery of shrubs/plants/bushes, the CRA will issue payment directly to the landscaping company.
- 7. Work must commence on the project within 15 days of the applicant's receipt of the landscaping supplies. All work must be complete within 60 days from the commencement date.
- 8. Upon completion of the work, the applicant must contact the CRA staff to arrange a completion inspection. All work will be inspected by the CRA after completion of the project for the limited purpose of verifying the work was completed in accordance with these guidelines. In the event completed work is not in compliance of the guidelines, CRA will notify the applicant of non-compliance within 15 days.

V. CRA Limit of Liability

The CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited power washing and to the purchase of landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00, approved in advance by the CRA for work completed in accordance with these guidelines, as evidenced by an executed Affidavit of Completion. The CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or Implied.

Applicant must sign acknowledging receipt of the Program Guidelines.

Applicant/Homeowner Signature

Date

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Applicant/Name: BERNEE	Drivers License #		(2.1) = 17
Home Address: 70/ AUBORA City		FL State	3292 Zip Code
Telephone: E-M	1ail: PMCOX 1	94600	MAILL
Initial box: 1 am the building owner and have attached pro- recent property tax bill.	of of ownership such as	s recorded deed	d or
"Florida Friendly" Shrubs / bushes - Name(s): ###################################		¥	
If requesting mulch, indicate here what color * "Florida Friendly" is defined as- quality landscapes	that conserve water, p	rotect the envi	ronment, are
* "Florida Friendly" is defined as- quality landscapes adaptable to local conditions and are drought tolerar	nt.		

You must also include drawings of where the plantings will be.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND SIGNATURES

By signing and submitting this application, I attest and certify that and acknowledge that:

- 1. I/we have been provided a copy of and have read, understand and will comply with the Diamond Square Residential Beautification Program Guidelines.
- 2. I certify that I am both the Applicant and Homeowner.
- 3. I/we understand the Home must be located in the Diamond Square Redevelopment Area to be eligible.
- The Home has no existing code violations and the Home Owner is not named in any outstanding code enforcement liens.
- Upon application approval, the Applicant will consult with CRA staff and a representative from a CRA-approved landscaping supply company to determine what plants/bushes will be sufficient in order to complete an Industrystandard job.
- 6. I/we understand that work must commence on the project within 15 days of receipt of the landscaping supplies. I/we understand that all work must be complete within 60 days of receipt of the paint and supplies.
- 7. I/we understand that the CRA will provide landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to be used for landscaping the exterior residential structure listed on the application, and that I/we are responsible for labor and any other costs or overages.
- 8. I/we further understand that failure to comply with the Guidelines will result in ineligibility to participate in this Program.
- 9. I/we understand that all landscaping will be in the front of the home or within "street view".
- 10. I/we understand that the CRA's liability under this Program shall be solely limited the purchase of landscaping supplies in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.
- 11. I/we further understand that the CRA expressly disclaims any other liability, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, for the work completed by the applicant.
- 12. Upon completion of the project and final inspection by the CRA, I/we agree to execute an Affidavit of Completion with the CRA.
- 13. I/we understand that approval under this Program does not constitute a permit or approval of the City and that the Home Owner is responsible for obtaining such permits, if required, by the City or any other governmental entity.
- 14. I/we understand that the CRA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability (protected characteristics) and will not tolerate any such discrimination by or against its employees or citizens utilizing CRA programs.
- 15. I/we understand that the presence of any lead-based paint and the abatement of such is the sole responsibility of the Applicant/Home Owner and the CRA disclaims any liability, warranty or guarantee, related to the presence of lead-based paint on the Building.
- 16. I/we understand that applications may be considered according to an "application cycle" established by the CRA.
- 17. I/we certify that all information in the application, and all information furnished in support of this application, is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.
- 18. I/we understand that I/we have a continuing obligation to inform the CRA (in writing) of any changes to the information provided in this application.
- 19. I/we understand that verifications of this information may be obtained or made by the CRA.
- 20. If approved by the CRA Manager in Section V below, this application shall constitute a binding agreement between the CRA and the Applicant/Home Owner.

BERNECT COX	1-22-2021
Signature of Home Owner	Dațe
STATE OF FL	, COUNTY OF BRENARD
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me	e this 22 day of July, 20 d
by Bernice Cox, who is person	nally known to me or who has produced
FL ID	as identification.
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	Notsry Public State of Florida Tomi Edwards My Commission GG 139371 Expires 06/29/2021

Return complete application by mail or in person to:
Diamond Square Community Redevelopment
Agency ATTN: DS Residential Beautification Program
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