

Town of Rumford
Request for Proposals

January 9, 2026

Historic Building Façade Improvement Grants

1. **Notice & Intent:** The Town of Rumford has received private grant funds and is seeking proposals from owners of historic buildings in the Town for award of façade improvement grants totaling up to \$10,000 that support ongoing or new efforts to revitalize historic buildings in Town. This opportunity is limited to mixed use buildings with first floor commercial storefronts. For the purposes of this grant “mixed use” may also include buildings with first floor retail and upper floor office occupancies. The building must be listed as a contributing structure in a local historic district or be otherwise eligible for listing as a historic structure under the guidelines of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The Board of Selectpersons will make a subjective decision on proposal selection taking into consideration, experience, qualifications, along with any other tangible and intangible aspects of the lease proposal they, in their sole authority, deem relevant.

2. **Inquiries:** Inquiries should be made to the Town Manager by email or telephone to townmanager@rumfordme.org or (207) 364-4576.

3. **Required Proposal Information:** The proposal must:
 - a. Describe experience and qualifications relating to project management.
 - b. Describe in detail the proposed location and nature of the façade rehabilitation.
 - c. Describe the proposed project cost and all other improvements to the building.
 - d. Identify all associated partners for the project.
 - e. Identify all potential contractors and sub-contractors working on the project.
 - f. Include any other information significant to the decision-making process.

4. **Selection Criteria:** The Board of Selectpersons for the Town of Rumford shall be the sole and final authority on the selection of any consultant proposal for negotiations. The Town of Rumford reserves the right to negotiate the proposal which is in the best interest of the Town of Rumford, including the right to waive any technicality or formality of the proposal process and to choose not to proceed with negotiations at all.

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- 5. Delivery & Review:** Proposals may be sent by electronic submission to the Town Manager at townmanager@rumfordme.org or by mail to the Town Manager's Office, 145 Congress Street, Rumford, ME 04276 until Monday, February 2nd at 1:00pm Eastern Standard Time. Proposals will be reviewed by the Board of Selectpersons within 30 days of the submission deadline. The Board of Selectpersons reserves the right to ask further questions, request additional information and conduct interviews at their own discretion.

George O'Keefe
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Economic Development Director