

Mantua Village Entrepreneurship Encouragement! 'ME2!' Fund...

In order to facilitate a fertile ground for small businesses to thrive in the *Village of Mantua*, the *Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC)* is raising funds for the *Mantua Village Entrepreneurship Encouragement Fund* (-known as '*ME2!*' -), its *Small Business Development Fund Program*, through specifically marked *Mantua Revitalization FRIENDs* donations and special events, such as the *Frost Glass*-hosted '*Annual Autumn Arts & Ales*' event.

Each small business in the *Downtown Mantua* area is a valuable asset to the community. They bring in visitors, revenue, and tax dollars, and make *Mantua Village* a quality destination place. By supporting small businesses, we promote our community, and help to build recognition and appeal to other businesses that are looking to get started, or to relocate, in Mantua.

Eligible businesses can fill out the '*ME2!*' *Grant Application Form*. These forms will be collected throughout the year. The '*ME2!*' intent is to assure that awards will be chosen and made from the pool of eligible applicants, by a review process drawing conducted at, & from, announced *DMRC* committee meetings.

'*ME2!*' entries that are not selected may be rolled over into the next quarter's round(s). The standard quarterly award will be \$250.00. Additional awards may be given when there is a surplus in funding, or upon approval by the *DMRC* Board of Directors. Businesses can win an award one time in a 12 month period.

In order to be deemed eligible to receive funding through '*ME2!*', the following business eligibility criteria must be met:

1. A physical business address within *Mantua Village*
2. Conducting business in *Mantua*
3. Existing Federal IRS Employer Identification No. [*EIN*] information
4. Less than \$1 million in annual gross receipts

Acceptable uses for '*ME2!*' Funds:

- *Marketing*
- *Advertising*
- *Permitted Signage*
- *Special Event(s) Funding*
- *Web-Hosting*
- *Agreed Capital Improvements*
- *Equipment*
- *Agreed Upkeep*

- *Other Criteria based upon DMRC approval*

Please see the 'M E 2 !' application criteria & process information, that follows!

* This program is intended to support *Downtown Mantua* businesses, but also is a tool to spread the word about *Mantua* as a destination site, and should be strategically publicized and shared. It is also expected to draw consumers, customers, and new business owners to the area, to help *Mantua* flourish.

* An accepted, final work invoice or receipt(s) shall be provided to establish that 'M E 2!' funds have been ethically and properly assigned. Any selected applicant misappropriating or misrepresenting *DMRC* small business development mini-grant funding will be ineligible for future 'M E 2!' funding consideration.

* Award winners will be asked to present an overview of the(ir) project, at a *DMRC* meeting, after the(ir) 'M E 2!' project is complete.

* 'M E 2 !' funds will continue to be awarded until the funding is exhausted. In that case, the funds will have to be grown until the minimum award amount of \$250.00 is re-established. If this minimum cannot be met, and/or there is agreement led by *Frost Glass*, the 'M E 2 !' review committee, and the *DMRC Board of Directors* requesting that the *Mantua Entrepreneurship Encouragement Fund* be dissolved, any remnant funds will be turned over, for *DMRC* general use(s).

GRANT APPLICATION

Mantua Village Entrepreneurship Encouragement Fund ('M E 2 !')

...The Small Business Development Fund Program for Mantua...

Yes, it is 'seed money' to 'help you', as part of 'Mantua Revitalization' efforts!...

These business encouragement mini-grants now offer a \$ 250.00 grant award gift, from the nonprofit *DMRC Treasury*. Available, now; through 2017, with next round availability rolling through 3rd and 4th quarter 2017!...

So..., Explain your business growth problem - give your creative ideas!...;

Why funds are needed & helpful; what positive impact the improvement can

provide to you & to Mantua Village; who you – the business(es) – is/are; and

how the 'M E 2 !' mini-grant award will be used, well, to be a part of, & give

back to, the Mantua Village area! It's simple & straight forward, on 1 page!

Please see the 'M E 2 !' Fund -One Page- Application sheet below.
Return a completed application to: (- DMRC email address use acceptable-)

*Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. (DMRC)
P. O. Box 414 Mantua, Ohio 44255*

'M E 2 !' Mini-grant Funds Application Sheet
...The Small Business Development Fund Program for Mantua...
BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:

Applicant Name:

Officer/Position:

Address:

City:

Zip code:

Telephone Number:

E-mail address:

Federal EIN/Tax ID #:

Business Type:

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Brief description of project (please use only space immediately below):

With which of the acceptable uses of 'M E 2 !' funds does your request most closely align?

Time Frame – When will the project begin and be completed?

***** Please attach a full Budget for the Project.***

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How will the project positively impact your business?

How will the project positively impact Mantua?

Describe your experience in Mantua Village, your vision for the future of Mantua Village!

By signature(s) below, I/we certify that the information provided in this application proposal has been fully reviewed; that as an acceptable small business 'M E 2 !' mini-grant applicant, it has less than \$ 1 million in annual gross receipts; and to best knowledge, all data provided herein is fully accurate.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____
