

BARN QUILT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Applications must be emailed or mailed to:

visithardy@gmail.com

P O Box 10, Mathias WV 26812

VISIT HARDY (Hardy County Convention & Visitors Bureau) is pleased to support the Lost River Education Foundation's HARDY COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL as a part of LREF's mission to showcase the rural history and culture of Hardy County. The Barn Quilt Trail will add to Hardy County's tourism activity, enhance understanding of our Appalachian heritage, recognize the contributions of rural women, and increase interest in our region's rich culture and history.

Prior to submitting your BQ Matching Grant application to HCCVB, please apply for and receive approval of your HC Barn Quilt Trail application. To do so, contact <u>kathrynkavanagh401@gmail.com</u> to request the HCBQT guidelines and application. HCBQT/LREF will notify VISIT HARDY of the status of your HCBQT application.

Please read the BQ Matching Grant Program application and eligibility requirements carefully. The program funds a limited number of BQ grants annually on a first come, first served basis.

The BQ Matching Grant Program funds 50% (up to \$250) of the cost of a Barn Quilt painting; the applicant is responsible for the balance. Grant funds are paid to the HCBQT/LREF.

Eligibility and Criteria:

- Only Hardy County residents or owners of businesses in Hardy County are eligible for the VISIT HARDY Barn Quilt Matching Grant.
- BQ Matching Grant applicants must meet the eligibility requirements of LREF's Hardy County Barn Quilt Trail Guidelines (<u>kathrynkavanagh401@gmail.com</u>) to be eligible for this grant.
- <u>Your BQ Matching Grant applications will not be reviewed by VISIT HARDY until HCBQT has</u> <u>approved your HCBQT application and notified VISIT HARDY of that approval by email.</u>
- Your BQ Matching Grant application must be <u>emailed</u> to VISIT HARDY by the first Monday of the month prior to the VISIT HARDY Board Meeting (2nd Thursday of every other month beginning in February). <u>Upon approval, the grant funds will be remitted to HCBQT/LREF.</u>
- The completed VISIT HARDY Hold Harmless Agreement must accompany your application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed – Please call or email if you have any questions.
- Notifications of awards will be <u>emailed</u> to applicants within 30 days of approval.
- Barn quilts supported by this grant must be recognized in all print or digital advertising, travel literature, websites, or published photographs with the following:

Hardy County Barn Quilt Trail is funded in part by VISIT HARDY.

For any questions or assistance with the application form, please call VISIT HARDY at 304-897-8700 or send an email to <u>visithardy@gmail.com</u>