

Funding Strategies for Downtown Redevelopment  
**Downtown Schuyler Historic District ~ America's Pathway**  
National Register of Historic Places (NHRP)

*'Common Focus ~ Unifying Vision'*

***'Preserve the historic character of Schuyler's downtown buildings and its brick streets (Lincoln Highway) to ensure the central business district remains vibrant and relevant for future generations.'***

**Funding Strategies:**

1. **2017-2028 SEDPlan** (Additional / Excess LB 840 Funds to match grants).
2. **Grant Opportunities** – Leverage Additional / Excess LB 840 Funds:
  - \$350,000 Downtown Revitalization (DTR) Grant (September 30, 2017)  
Note: Schuyler's Highway Allocation Funds possible match for DTR Grant.
  - Identify and pursue additional grant opportunities.
3. **Incentivize Private Investment**
  - 0% interest loans (FBIFund, Commercial Construction)
  - TIF (Tax Increment Financing)
  - Valuation Incentive Program (VIP)
  - Federal & State Tax Credits
  - Historic Preservation Rebate (FBIFund)
4. **Conservation**
  - Mothball / preserve *'contributing'* historic buildings to help minimize further deterioration and future restoration costs.
5. **Tax Deductible Donations**
  - Create a downtown redevelopment partnership – consider possibility of private donations being tax deductible.
6. **Build Collaborative Partnerships**
  - Schuyler Historical Society
  - Nebraska Lincoln Highway Association
  - Private Foundations
7. **Downtown Capital Campaign ~ Fund Raising Events**
  - Additional community events / activities drawing people to downtown.

***'Heart of the Community' ~ Downtown Schuyler***