



Downtown Façade Enhancement Program Overview

The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in partnership with the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, is providing a grant program for the purpose of revitalizing the exterior facades of downtown Fostoria properties, excluding single family dwellings or multi-family dwellings, while preserving the historic character of downtown Fostoria.

THE GRANT:

This grant is up to a 50% reimbursement of expenses directly related to qualifying building improvements to commercial properties within the downtown target area up to a maximum match of \$3,000. This grant is available on a first come, first serve basis from application to approval.

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS:

Eligible Improvements include all exterior improvements to the appearance of an eligible downtown building storefront façade. These improvements include:

- Awnings
- Masonry Work: brick cleaning, tuck pointing, replacement
- Painting
- Repair, restoration or appropriate replacement of exterior windows and doors
- Repair or replacement of roofing system (including gutters and downspouts)
- Fire escapes or exterior upper floor access
- Any other visible exterior improvements

INELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS:

This program will not fund interior improvements, operating funds, HVAC repair, plumbing repair, furnishing

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APPLICATION:

All grant applications must be submitted to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and include:

- Downtown Façade Enhancement Application
- Project Description
- Current photos of proposed work area
- Preliminary Cost estimate of proposed work by a qualified third party
- W9 Form
- Rendering/Drawing of proposed work, including color scheme (if applicable)

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS:

A Review of application to ensure that all information is included, and project is eligible will be conducted. Most applications will be processed within 30 days from the date application is received.

CONDITIONS:

- The property owner will be responsible for maintaining improvements provided by this grant for a minimum of 5 years
- The property owner must obtain all required permits and plan approvals prior to beginning work. (The permits may include, but are not limited to, building, zoning, occupancy, etc.)

AWARDS:

- All applicants will receive written notification as to the approval or denial of the grant award
- Approval must be confirmed prior to commencing work to be eligible to receive downtown enhancement funds

PROJECT COMPLETION:

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