



Façade Grant Program

Purpose

The Façade Grant Program is designed to fund activities that will rehabilitate, upgrade, and generally improve the exterior building appearance and functionality within the City of Corning. This program also provides a City fee rebate for all property or business owners who initiate façade improvements within the City limits.

Eligibility

Grants will be made for eligible improvements to buildings located within the City limits. Eligible improvements may include:

- Storefronts;
- Display windows;
- Wood treatments;
- Exterior painting and lighting;
- Awnings and canopies in conjunction with other façade improvements;
- Landscape improvements with an approved maintenance agreement with the City;
- Signs;
- Other improvements or planning costs as approved by City staff.

City Fee Rebate

The City will rebate 100% of any City-related building permit and plan check fees to property or business owner not to exceed \$500. A one-page rebate request form may be obtained from the City.

Participants

Either property owners or business owners who own property or who lease property within the City limits can participate. If an applicant is a tenant then a Landlord's Consent must be provided confirming the property owner's approval of the project. A copy of the lease will also be required.

Maximum Grant Amount

The maximum grant available to qualified applicants is 50% of the improvement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Application Requirements and Process

The applicant will be required to complete an on-line grant request. The request will be reviewed for eligibility under this program. If the request is accepted by the program, a participation proposal will be sent to the applicant. The participation proposal must be signed by the applicant and returned along with the \$175 non-refundable commitment fee.

Grant Request Package

The applicant will be required to complete a grant request package. The contents are as follows:

- Original online grant request, including three quotes for work to be conducted;
- Picture of areas targeted for improvement by the property owner or business owner through the program;
- A Landlord Consent Form executed by the property owner authorizing improvements to the building (if the tenant is filing the application).

Permit Approval

The grant applicant will provide the grant request package along with copies of the final plans and specifications, together with detailed cost estimates to the Building Department for permit processing.

A final written grant offer will be made to the grant applicant outlining the approved improvements, confirmation of receipt of the \$175 non-refundable commitment fee, and maximum grant amount approved. Grants will be disbursed on approved expenses incurred and submitted by the grant recipient for reimbursement. A final picture of improvements made by the property owner or business owner will be required at completion. An authorization to post before and after photos of the work in public and online media platforms is required.