



ALMONT FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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ALMONT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Façade Improvement Program is designed to encourage economic investment and revitalization to the commercial buildings within the DDA district. This program promotes physical improvements to the commercial facades visible from the public right-of-way. It is the intent of the program to strengthen the economic vitality of downtown Almont by improving the exterior physical appearances of buildings while at the same time preserving and promoting the historical character and integrity of the buildings within the district.

Applicants for Façade Improvement funding are encouraged to review the complete program description for the area of funding for which they are applying. All applicants must meet with the DDA Director prior to grant application submittals.

General Requirements:

- All Façade Improvements grants must be approved prior to work commencing.
- Properties must be located within the legal boundaries of the DDA District. They must be used for retail, commercial or professional purposes.
- Building owners or tenants are eligible.
- All required permits must be pursued, all property taxes and Village accounts current and all improvements are subject to the reviews and approvals required by village code and ordinances.
- All grants are 50/50 matching grants with the exception of design assistance grants.

Paint Grants:

- Grant amounts: \$250-\$1,000
- Grants are awarded per building and are available one time every 5 years.
- Paint colors will be negotiated, with the owner/tenant in accord with generally recognized "historical color palettes".

Sign Grants:

- Grant amounts: \$250-\$500
- Grants awarded per building owner/tenant.
- Funding for no more than two new outdoor signs or renovation of existing signage.

Awning Grants:

- Grant amounts: \$250-\$1,500
- Grants awarded per building and are available one time every 5 years.
- Projects can include either single or multiple street level awnings or several awnings across second story windows.

Landscaping Grants:

- Grant amounts: \$250-\$500
- Grants awarded per building and are available one time every 5 years.
- Landscaping grants is for a collection of improvements strategically arranged to visually enhance any side visible from the public right-of-way.



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Design Assistance:

- Grant amounts cover 80% of design services up to \$800.
- Grants awarded per building and are available one time every 10 years.
- Design Assistance grants are to provide funding for architectural design consulting services for façade renovations.

Façade Renovation Grants:

- Grant amounts: \$500-\$5,000.
- Grants awarded per building owner/tenant and are available one time every 10 years.
- Only capital improvements or repairs on items that have a useful life of at least 10 years will be considered.
- Façade Renovation grants are designed to provide greater funding for more extensive building restorations and historic preservation projects.

Limits

- Only facades abutting public right-of-way are eligible. This includes side and rear facades.
- It is the responsibility of the grant applicant to notify the DDA of completion of the project for the processing of payment.
- The Village of Almont DDA reserves the right to revoke grant approval if the project is not completed to the prior agreed specifications or completed in a timely fashion.
- All elements of the items must be consistent with DDA plans and policies as well as Village codes and ordinances. This includes design, color, style and placement of these improvements.
- All fixtures paid for with Façade Improvement funds will remain with the building should the tenant (business owner) or building ownership change hands.
- All grant awards are subject to available funding. Annual funding is limited. Application does not guarantee funding.
- The Almont DDA reserves the right to award grants it deems to be in the best interest of the Village of Almont, the DDA and the Façade Program.

Almont DDA Façade Improvement Program Application

Date of Application: _____

Grant Amount Requested: _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address of Applicant _____

(check one)

☐ Property Owner ☐ Business Owner

Address of Property Proposed for improvement _____

Business Name _____

Business Phone # _____

Business Fax # _____

Email _____

This request is being made for:

☐ Paint ☐ Signs ☐ Awnings ☐ Landscaping ☐ Design Assistance ☐ Façade Renovations

Please check one:

☐ This is my first application for the Façade Improvement Program

☐ I already have already received funding from the Almont DDA for façade assistance

Project name: _____ Grant amount awarded: _____ Year of funding: _____

Two written quotes for the work with labor and materials broken out into two separate amounts must be provided as well as proof of all property taxes paid to date. Please attach an exact color photography or drawing, in appropriate scale of the improvement being proposed. Signage information must include where and how it will be attached or mounted, size and material. Please also include exact colors including color chips and/or fabric swatches along with a written description of improvements. Lessee/Business owners must also include authorization from Property/Building Owner. Please refer to the complete program description for other specific application requirements.

Total project improvement cost is \$ _____

To Be Completed by the DDA

The Property at _____ Has been found to be:
_____ **consistent** _____ **inconsistent** with DDA plans.

It is therefore: _____ **eligible** _____ **not eligible** for the grant program.

Determined by: _____

Name

Title

Date

Total amount to be granted upon project completion: \$ _____

Date reimbursement made: _____