



CITY OF OSHKOSH - HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

CURB APPEAL MICRO GRANT APPLICATION

Neighborhood Improvement Program

The City of Oshkosh administers several programs to help strengthen and enhance neighborhoods. Attractive houses and properties strengthen neighborhoods and can have a significant effect on the attractiveness and marketability of the City's neighborhoods. To encourage homeowners to invest in their properties, the City of Oshkosh is offering financial incentives through small matching micro grants to assist in exterior improvements of these properties. More extensive projects may also be eligible for other City rehabilitation loan programs.

Whenever possible, applicants are strongly encouraged to use local contractors to complete all tasks associated with their property renovation. This will not only help to garner continued support for this program, but more importantly, help boost our local economy.

Property Eligibility Requirements

Properties must be located in the following areas for eligibility:

- An area where an organized neighborhood revitalization project is taking place, such as Rock the Block, Rebuilding Together, or Habitat's Brush with Kindness, etc.
- Other neighborhood areas scoring below the City average based on the City's 2015 Quality of Life map where multiple properties (30%) within a block face (both sides) choose to participate
- Gateway enhancement corridors or neighborhoods as designated by the City

Eligible Costs

The program is intended to assist projects that improve the exterior appearance of a property from the street. Eligible projects include uncovering and restoring historical features, removing existing facade materials and replacing them with more appropriate and attractive designs and materials, painting, cleaning and tuck-pointing masonry, step replacement, awnings, landscaping or other site improvements, and other detailing which leads to an enhanced appearance of the building or property along the street frontage. Roofing, internal rehabilitation, general maintenance, or other projects that do not improve the appearance of the property from the street are not eligible but may be eligible under one of the City's other rehabilitation programs.

Grant Details

If approved, the City will provide a reimbursement grant to the applicant for up to fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the project, with a maximum grant of \$500. The owner/tenant must use non-City funds to match the grant.

Project Requirements

A completed application form and accompanying project details must be submitted to the Community Development Department. Please allow up to 30 days for review and a decision. The owner/tenant shall obtain a building permit as required, and exterior projects located within Historic Districts may also require approval from the Landmarks Commission. The applicant is required to obtain all approvals prior to commencing the project. After the project is completed, the applicant must submit invoices or other information indicating the cost and details of the project before the reimbursement grant funds will be provided. Before and after photos of the building/site are required. Approved projects shall be completed within 6 months of approval, unless an extension is granted by the City.



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Approval Process

- 1.) Applicant/Owner completes application form, submits complete form, photos of existing property, and project details
- 2.) Applicant/Owner obtains approval from Landmarks (if in an historic district)
- 3.) Community Development staff reviews application, makes decision
- 4.) Applicant/Owner obtains required zoning approval and building permit(s)
- 5.) Applicant/Owner completes work
- 6.) Applicant/Owner submits photos of property after work, invoices, details of project
- 7.) City reimburses applicant/owner for completed work

Contact

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Owner/Applicant Information

Name of Property Owner(s)	
Mailing Address	
Home Phone	Work Phone
Mobile Phone	E-Mail
Applicant's Name (if different than owner(s))	
Mailing Address	
Home Phone	Work Phone
Mobile Phone	E-Mail

Property Information

Address of Property
Present/Former Use of Property

Description of Project

Briefly describe proposed work and materials to be used.

Project Budget

Total Project Cost:	Requested Grant Amount (50% of Project Cost, \$1,000):
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Attachments: The following information should be submitted with the application. Scaled sketches, drawings, plans and/or annotated photographs indicating the work completed would be acceptable. Invoices or other documentation indicating the project costs and what the funds were used for are required.

Signature: The undersigned person(s) certifies that the information in and attached to this application is true to the best of their knowledge and belief, and hereby request the City of Oshkosh to provide assistance for the project described above.

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Owner: _____

Date: _____

Submit to: Planning Services, 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901