



City of Whitehall – Commercial Rehabilitation District Façade Improvement Grant Program

Program Purpose

The City of Whitehall's commercial corridors, particularly those within the designated Commercial Rehabilitation District—are critical to economic vitality, community appearance, and long-term redevelopment. Aging or deteriorated façades can reduce investment confidence and negatively impact surrounding properties.

The Façade Improvement Grant Program provides financial incentives for commercial property and business owners to upgrade and rehabilitate their building exteriors.

Program Funding Source

This program is funded through the City of Whitehall General Fund, subject to annual budget appropriations approved by the City Council. Allocations will start with \$42,000 available for this fiscal year.

Grant Structure

- Grants awarded on a 1:1 match basis.
- Maximum reimbursement per property: \$6,000.
- Eligible once every two years.
- All work and invoices must be completed by June 30 of the award fiscal year.
- Reimbursement for multi-year projects are not guaranteed.

Eligibility Requirements – Properties

- Must be located within the Commercial Rehabilitation District.
- Must be commercial.
- All taxes, assessments, and municipal fees must be paid in full.

Eligibility Requirements – Applicants

- Property owners.
- Commercial tenants with written owner permission.

Eligible Improvements

- Exterior lighting
- Building-mounted signage



- Painting, siding, finishes
- Awnings/canopies
- Storefronts and entryways
- Window/door replacements
- Masonry repair
- Energy-efficient improvements
- Architectural enhancements
- Americans with Disabilities Act compliance upgrades
- Labor tied to eligible work

Ineligible Costs

- Work started before approval
- Property acquisition
- Financing fees
- Permit/application fees
- Professional services
- Wages to applicant/relatives/employees
- Personal property

Application & Approval Process

1. Submit application to City Manager or designee.
2. Reviewed in order received.
3. Recommendations forwarded to City Council or review committee.
4. City may approve, deny, or request changes.
5. Decisions will not be based on protected characteristics.

Change Requests

Substantial changes must be submitted in writing. Approved modifications are added as a dated and signed addendum. Unapproved deviations may result in denial of reimbursement.



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Façade Improvement Grant Application Form

Property Owner Name:

Business Name:

Property Address:

Parcel Number:

Applicant Phone:

Applicant Email:

Description of Proposed Improvements:

Estimated Total Project Cost:

Requested City Grant Amount (up to \$6,000):

Proposed Contractor(s):

Projected Completion Date:

Owner Authorization (if tenant applicant):

Signature:

Date: