



New Albany Urban Enterprise Association Residential Façade Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of the Residential Façade Grant Program is to provide assistance for improving the homes appearance and encouraging investment in single-family homes that fall within the boundaries of the Urban Enterprise Zone. This matching grant program is intended to assist property owners in restoring and rehabilitating homes to improve the appearance, create a positive image and improve the quality of life in our community.

Eligibility

In general, the intent of the guidelines is to restrict funding to visible improvements of the exterior façade for residential structures. The following exterior improvements are eligible, but not limited to:

- Removal of false façade (front)
- Restoring the home to its original constructed materials
- Restoration of exterior siding
- Exterior painting (all colors must be approved)
- Window or door repair or replacement
- Repointing of mortar joints
- Porch replacement and carpentry
- Awnings
- Historic character improvements
- Sidewalks on the front & side of the property and visible from public right of way (excluding alleys). Sidewalk cost cannot exceed 10% of the total restoration.
- Masonry repair
- Repair to building façade (front & sides)
- Total cost of the project must be at least \$1,000.00
- Repairing, replacing and/or adding architecturally appropriate cornices, entrances, doors, windows, decorative detail, porches, and siding
- Adding or replacing architecturally appropriate design elements or lighting, especially where period-appropriate materials are used
- Any improvements must be consistent with the residential character of the neighborhood

Ineligible

- Exterior improvements that do not match the architectural style of the home or that remove historic elements
- Interior improvements
- Landscaping
- Roofs or roof repair
- Purchase of furnishings, equipment, tools or other personal property that does not become part of the real estate
- Backyard work
- Annual maintenance projects

General Criteria

Important notes: Priority will be given to owner-occupied residences. Priority will also be given to applicants who have not received prior funding through the program. Due to limited availability of grant funds, not all requests will be funded. Matching funds are on a first come first served basis.

- Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes located within the New Albany Urban Enterprise Zone (see attached map).
- Repairs that are structural in nature are eligible for grant funding, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Grant funding is NOT available for the purchase or rental of tools, machinery or equipment, or for homeowner labor.
- The application must thoroughly describe the project and should include supplementary materials such as drawings, specifications, photographs showing where work will be done, historic photos (if available) and a schedule.
- The applicant shall comply with all zoning & permitting requirements of the City of New Albany.
- The Project property may not have any outstanding municipal debt, including but not limited to city taxes, utilities, or other municipal liens.
- The Property Owner must submit a completed application and complete the approval process prior to beginning the project. Any renovation started before the application and approval process is completed will not be eligible for a grant.
- A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission which approves the proposed renovations, must be received before the commencement of any exterior work can take place if located in the Historic District.

Project Funding

- Up to 50% of the total project costs with a \$2,500 maximum grant and a \$500 minimum grant for eligible improvements. The Property Owner is responsible for 50% of the project costs up to \$2,500 and any excess costs.