

Façade Grant Application Process and Checklist

This application must be completed and returned to the Imlay City DDA director no later than the 14 business days prior to the next regular DDA Board meeting along with:

___ A notarized letter of permission from owner (if applicant is not the property owner).

___ Documentation of DBA, LLC or Company organization documents confirming legitimate business name.

___ A **detailed** written description of the project plans (scope of work, including materials and color schemes), **pictures of the current area/conditions, and a rendering or picture of proposed work** which addresses how the project complies with the Façade Grant guidelines.

___ A **detailed** cost estimate for all eligible costs supported by a quote from a **minimum of two or more licensed and/or insured** contractors or suppliers. Include Contractor / Supplier's business name, address, phone number, email, license or insurance certificate and website.

___ Copies of any permits necessary to complete the work.

___ Completed W9 Form

___ Upon project completion applicant must provide pictures of completed work and proof of payment to all suppliers/contractors (CASH TRANSACTIONS NOT ACCEPTED)

___ **The applicant has spoken to the Construction Code Authority and has received information regarding the permits needed and regulations related to this project.**

Construction Code Authority Representative

Date

Grant Application

Check One: Property Owner

Business Owner

Check One: Signage (\$1,500 Maximum Grant)

Other Façade Improvements (\$5,000 Maximum Grant)

Name of Applicant

Address of Applicant

Address of Property Proposed for Improvement

Business Contact Person & Title

Phone

Fax

Email

Please give a detailed description of work to be done: _____

The estimated improvement cost is \$ _____.

The 50% reimbursement is estimated to be \$ _____ (not to exceed \$5,000).

Please be sure that you have reviewed and submitted appropriate supporting documents outlined in the **Grant Application Process and Checklist** section of this document.

For grant reimbursement, applicant must submit documentation that all invoices pertaining to project are paid in full, along with photo(s) of completed project. Reimbursement will not be granted if documentation is not received. By signing this application, you are stating that the above information is accurate to the best of your knowledge, that you agree to the requirements and there are no delinquent accounts with the City of Imlay City. Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Imlay City and the Imlay City Downtown Development Authority from any and all claims arising out of the work performed.

ATTENTION: NO WORK CAN BE COMMENCED AND/OR COMPLETED BEFORE DDA BOARD APPROVAL

Applicant Signature

Title

Date

For DDA use only

Property Address _____

Project is _____ Eligible _____ Not Eligible for the Grant Program.

_____ Director has confirmed legal ownership of property via www.lapeercounty.gov.

DDA Director Signature

Date

Board Action Date: _____

Approved _____ Denied _____

If approved reimbursement check # _____

Disbursement date: _____





DDA Façade Grant Program Guidelines

Imlay City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will consider applications for grants of up to fifty (50%) percent of the eligible costs not to exceed \$5,000. The maximum grant shall be \$5,000 per fiscal year. Projects will have to be in accordance with the guidelines below and the location must be inside of the DDA District.

Property owners and their tenants who do not pay property taxes are not eligible for the Façade Grant. Property owners and/or applicant may NOT have any delinquent taxes, unpaid fees or charges that are applicable to any portion of the land to which the application applies.

Objectives:

- Improve/upgrade vacant or underutilized historic building to accommodate new uses.
- Enhance the unique aesthetic appeal of downtown related to its architecture by encouraging the rehabilitation of certified historic structures.
- Stimulate new investment into district buildings to increase the property value and the economic potential of participating properties.
- To facilitate improvements that add value, are appropriate to the architecture of the building, and are compatible with the downtown main street setting.

Funding Limits:

A property may be granted UP TO A TOTAL OF \$5,000 PER FISCAL YEAR PER PROPERTY, based on date/time stamp of submission. completion date and funding availability. Funding amounts may differ dependent on type of project with a maximum allowed for projects per the guidelines contained herein. A property may only be awarded an Architectural Services Grant once during any given period.

Project Description	Maximum Grant Funding
Signage (including but not limited to: free standing, attached, window graphics, text or images on awnings, marquees, related lighting and electrical fixtures)	\$1,500.00
All other eligible façade improvements as described below	\$5,000.00
Architectural Services	\$500.00

Eligible Façade Improvement Projects:

- Repair to building exterior facades.
- Masonry repair or cleaning.
- Restoration, repair, or replacement windows,
- Restoration, repair or replacement of exterior doors.
- Restoration, repair or replacement of exterior walls, chimneys, or other architectural elements.
- Exterior work necessary for conversion to a business establishment's entry or outdoor seating area.
- Removal of after-installed facades along with restoration of vintage elements.
- Lighting or other appropriate enhancements not related to signage.
- Exterior painting including porches, decks and balconies.
- Improvements or additions necessary for ADA compliance.
- Awnings that do not have imprinted text, images, etc.

Ineligible Façade Improvement Projects:

- Interior Improvements.
- Labor paid to applicant, family members of applicant, or employees of applicant.
- Roofing.
- Additions to existing structures with the exceptions that are listed above.
- Purchase of furnishings or equipment.
- Repair or creation of features not compatible with original architecture.
- Costs incurred before final grant approval by DDA.
- Costs paid by the applicant in merchandise or in-kind services.
- Costs associated with Michigan Sales Tax.

General Requirements:

- For the project to be grant eligible, a completed Façade Grant Application must be approved by the Imlay City Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors **PRIOR** to the commencement of any work.
- You must include before pictures of project pertinent to application, along with a rendering where applicable.
- All work must be in accordance with the applicable local, state and federal codes. For information regarding ordinances and necessary permits please contact the Construction Code Authority 810-667-0420 or visit their website: constructioncodeauthority.com.
- All exterior code deficiencies or violations and imminent health and safety hazards must be corrected in conjunction with façade renovation.
- Applicant shall be responsible for all construction management and contracting work to be done, as well as obtaining and following all local permits and codes.

- A detailed estimate for all eligible costs must be submitted and supported by a quote from a **minimum of two** or more licensed or insured contractors or suppliers.
- Quotes must include the contractor/supplier's business name, address, phone number, email, license and/or insurance certificate, and website (if applicable).
- Upon completion of work, all invoices pertaining to the project must be paid in full. Copies of all paid receipts/checks must be submitted to the DDA office before reimbursement will be issued (cash transactions not acceptable), along with pictures of the completed work.
- Property improvements must be completed within twelve (12) months of approval or applicant will be required to resubmit application with no guarantee of funding.
- Façade Improvement Grants are limited to \$5,000 per property per budget cycle. (July 1-June 30)
- A business that changes its name (under the same ownership) and remains at the same physical location is limited to two (2) grant approvals within a three year period. (The three (3) year period of time begins on the date on which the first grant was approved.
- A business (under the same ownership and name) that changes its physical address is limited to two (2) grant approvals within a three year period. (The three (3) year period begins on the date the first grant was approved).
- Property owner and/or applicant may NOT have any delinquent taxes, unpaid fees or unpaid charges that are applicable to any portion of the land to which the application applies.
- Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Imlay City and the Imlay City Downtown Development Authority from any and all claims arising out of the work performed.

Architectural Services

- Before design work by an architecture firm may begin, the DDA Director must approve the qualifications of requested architectural firm and an Architectural Services Application must be approved by the Downtown Development Authority's Board of Directors.
- Design work should be appropriate to the architecture of the building and be compatible with the downtown main street setting.
- Only a property owner may request an Architectural Services Grant.
- Only one Architectural Services Grant will be allowed per property address. Changes in property ownership, scope of design work or architecture firm **will not** be considered as reasons for the DDA to grant additional Architectural Services grants.
- Upon design work completion, the DDA will receive copies of all work tendered by approved architectural firm regarding the approved property.
- It is the responsibility of the architecture firm and/or property owner to ensure design meets any state, local or city ordinances and codes.
- Quotes must include the architecture firm's business name, address, phone number, email, and website (if applicable).
- Grant funding will be placed in line according to date submitted for reimbursement upon completion of work. Copies of all paid invoices pertaining to the project must be submitted to the DDA office along with pictures of the completed project.
- Design renderings must be completed within nine (9) months of approval or applicant will be required to resubmit application with no guarantee of funding.