

Application

The Façade Improvement Grant has an intake period in both the spring and fall, with deadlines established annually.

An owner of a building within the Downtown Incentives Program Boundary may apply for a Façade Improvement Grant retroactively for improvements where the building permit was issued between January 1, 2015 and the deadline of the Spring 2016 intake period.

Please refer to: cityofgp.com/downtownincentives for deadline information.

How to Apply

1. (Optional) Meet with the Program Coordinator to discuss your project and the application process.
2. Prepare a design that meets all legal requirements and achieves at least five of the Design Goals.
3. Submit a completed application to the Program Coordinator.

What to Submit

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Preconstruction Photos** – Photos will show the current site and its context including adjacent structures, roadways, sidewalks, and landscaping.
- **Project Description** – A complete description of the project, including details on how the design achieves the required Design Goals.
- **Project Drawings** – Drawings will show the proposed design. Construction drawings are acceptable.
- **Project Quotes** – Two separate quotes for all hard costs including labour and materials.

For a complete list of submission requirements, refer to: cityofgp.com/downtownincentives

Note: Reimbursement will be based on actual project costs.

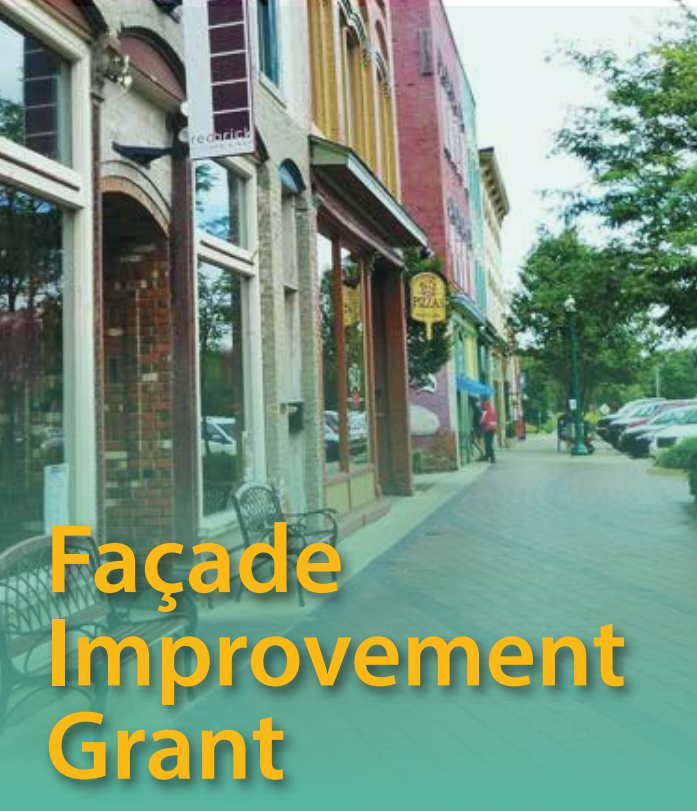
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Façade Improvement Grant



The Downtown Incentives Program aims to create a vibrant city centre where people live, work, and play.

The Façade Improvement Grant rewards downtown building owners and tenants for making improvements to the fronts of their buildings that enhance aesthetic appeal, pedestrian access and public safety.

For more information on the Downtown Incentives Program including the Urban Residential Development Grant or the Patio Grant please visit: cityofgp.com/downtownincentives

Grant Reimbursement

50% of Hard Costs up to the lesser amount of:

- \$750.00 per front foot
- or —
- \$50,000

The City imposed portions of Building Permit and Development Permit fees will be waived for projects approved under this program. Amounts remitted to other levels of government remain payable.

Requirements

Projects must meet all legal requirements including those in the Land Use Bylaw, the Downtown Enhancement Plan, Building Codes and any other applicable regulations. Projects must achieve at least five of the Design Goals.

Design Goals

The Design Goals are intended to provide designers with direction on what the program is trying to achieve. The goals are not meant to dictate style, but to indicate what the City is hoping the designs will accomplish.

Projects must achieve at least five of the following design goals:

Pedestrian Realm



- Has a connection to the pedestrian realm
- Human scale design
- Accessibility

Public Safety



- Natural surveillance
- Lighting
- Territoriality

Winter Conditions



- Maximizes sun exposure
- Provides protection from wind and snow
- Provides landscaping that has colour and texture in the winter
- Uses slip-resistant materials

Innovative and Artistic Design



- Features unique architectural elements
- Utilizes sustainable building design
- Incorporates texture, pattern, shapes, colours and materials to create a unique design
- Features a public art element

Examples of Eligible Costs

- Architectural/ Aesthetic feature
- Doors/ Windows
- Landscaping
- Exterior lighting
- Exterior painting
- Architectural signage