

FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

" Cultivating the cultural identity and vibrancy of neighborhoods in Norfolk "



VISION

Norfolk's new Façade Improvement Grant was created in partnership with the business community to revitalize urban commercial corridors and uplift the surrounding neighborhoods they serve.

PURPOSE



The goal of the Commercial **Corridor Program is to** revitalize and grow the City's main streets and neighborhoods by addressing specific areas and their needs, collaborating with property owners, and assisting small businesses with real estate technical assistance.

This grant program will provide capital access to eligible building owners and small businesses for renovations and upgrades. This program is also available to those looking to expand their business to a brick-and-mortar location in neighborhood serving commercial corridors in the City of Norfolk, VA.

*Applications open Tuesday, August 1st and close Friday, September 8th.

FACADE GRANT PRODUCTS

Property Owners

Up to \$50,000 with a 10% match

Allowable Purchases include, but are not limited to:

Exterior

building entrances, lights, doors, windows, awnings, brick, art murals, stone, tuck-pointing, building surfaces, painting, parking lots, signage.

Interior

mechanical, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, fire suppression, flooring, utility upgrades, wall installation or removal

Architectural/Design Services



•<u>Tenants</u>

Up to \$25,000 with a 10% match

Allowable Purchases include, but are not limited to:



exterior signage, awnings

Interior

flooring, interior lighting, removal and/or installation of interior walls, removal and/or installation of restrooms, doors, windows,



Architectural/Design services

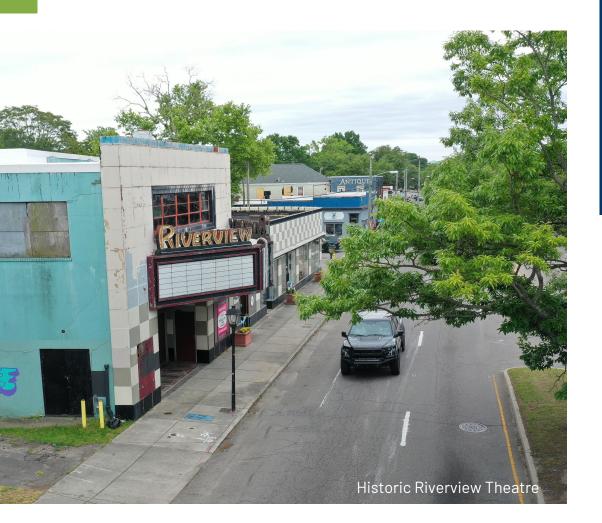


Application Requirements:

Applicants must provide conceptual drawings/renderings upon submission and be up to date on all taxes, permit, and fees prior to submission. Tenants must have at least 18 months on the lease agreement and a letter of support from landlord.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This grant program is designed for owners and/or tenants of for-profit commercial buildings in Norfolk's neighborhood serving commercial corridors. Eligible businesses also include existing businesses looking to expand or home-based businesses interested in moving to bricks and mortar.



Requirements

Must be a Norfolk-based business at time of submission

For-profit business

Use of building must conform to all current codes and ordinances

Business must be current on all taxes, permits, and fees,

Business owner must be in good standing with the City of Norfolk, State of Virginia, and Internal Revenue Service.

*All awards are subject to application approval by the Facade Grant Committee.

*These are reimbursable grants.

*Funding is limited, and all grants are competitive.

Ineligible Businesses

This grant is intended for facade improvement. Please note that funds are not intended for purchasing operating licenses, permitting and fees, inventory, equipment, marketing, advertising, payroll and/or salary, purchasing of real estate, and furniture. If you have questions about your eligibility, please reach out or attend one of our mandatory workshops. Franchises Not-for-profits Faith-based organizations Political organizations Adult entertainment facilities Gambling facilities Blood or plasma donor centers Pawn shops

APPLICANT WORKSHOPS

SCHEDULE:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, August 2nd	MJ's Tavern	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday, August 3rd	Park Place Multi- Purpose Center	5:45 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 8th	Jordan Newby Library	5:45 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 9th	Slover Library	11:30 am to 12:35 pm
Wednesday, August 9th	Pretlow Library	5:45 pm to 7pm
Thursday, August 10th	Richard Tucker Library	5:45 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 15th	Park Place Multi- Purpose Center	11:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:45 pm to 7:00
Wednesday, August 16th	Slover Library	11:00 am to 12:15 pm
Thursday, August 17th	Pretlow Library	11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Please visit norfolkdevelopment.com for the full addresses and updates.