



HAMILTON COUNTY'S 2025 FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAMS

COUNTYWIDE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CFIP)
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FAÇADE PROGRAM (EDCFP)

Distinguishing Between the Two County Façade Programs:

Both façade programs will launch on July 1st, 2025, however, they each have different guidelines on their application process and deadlines, so please take note.

- **Business Owners and/or Commercial Tenants:** If you are a business owner and/or commercial tenant in a qualifying neighborhood (see program description), please reference the Countywide Façade Improvement Program.
- **Communities:** If you are a community administration (i.e. City, village, township) within Hamilton County yet outside of the City of Cincinnati, please reference the Economic Development Community Façade Program.

COUNTYWIDE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CFIP)

2025 Timeline: The CFIP is a rolling grant; therefore will accept applications until June 30th 2026, OR until funds are depleted.

Eligible Applicants: Business owners and/or commercial tenants in a qualifying neighborhood. Census tract data is used to identify qualifying neighborhoods in the County where fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the neighborhood's residents have been identified as Low- or Moderate-Income (LMI) households. Priority will be given to projects located in the following communities: Colerain Township, Elmwood Place, Golf Manor, Lincoln Heights, Lockland, Mt. Healthy, North College Hill, and Norwood.

Eligible Uses: Improvements that are visible from the street.

Examples include painting, lighting, signage, doors, windows, and awnings. A full list will be on the County's website.

Ineligible Uses: Examples include improvements to/of parking lots, purchasing equipment and landscaping. A full list will be on the County's website.

Funding Amount: Up to 25,000 for a single project (by parcel), with a minimum grant of \$5,000 for a single project.

Program Requirements: For-profit commercial buildings with facades visible from the street.

Buildings must be located in a commercial corridor with street access.

Mixed-use commercial/residential buildings are eligible, but improvements must be limited to the commercial portion of the building.

Scoring Criteria: Includes project feasibility, longevity, economic benefit and neighborhood impact.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FAÇADE PROGRAM (EDCFP)

2025 Timeline: The EDCFP is a traditional grant program;
therefore applications will be due by Friday, August 15th.

Eligible Applicants: Applications must be submitted from cities, villages, and/or townships outside of the City of Cincinnati, but within Hamilton County.

Eligible Uses:

- Improvements which are visible from the street.
- Improvements must take place on a commercial building or contain a first-floor commercial space, meaning it has retail or office use AND is located within an eligible business district.
- Examples include painting, lighting, signage, doors, windows, ADA compliance, and awnings. A full list will be on the County's website.

Ineligible Uses: Examples include improvements to/of parking lots, purchasing equipment and landscaping. A full list will be on the County's website.

Funding Amount: Budget of \$250,000. The maximum request is \$100,000.

Program Requirements:

- If awarded funding, individual façade programs are to be created and led by grantees. Hamilton County will provide eligibility requirements and best practices for rolling-out a façade grant program; however the city/village/township administration will be the leader and decision-maker for their own façade program.
- Communities receiving funds must incorporate a match program with participating property owners
- Projects must be complete, with necessary documents submitted within 18 months of the grant award.
- A minimum of one community representative must take part in a Hamilton County led "Façade Program: How It Works" virtual meeting or phone call.
- All funds received through the Façade Grant must be used for eligible purposes and for eligible buildings.
- Grant reports are due to Hamilton County 30 days after the project facade is completed.

Scoring Criteria: Includes project impact, project need, project support and application quality.