

City of Paris

Historic Preservation

Incentive Grant Program

Policies and Procedures

The Incentive Grant Program is designed to encourage restoration and renovation of the Downtown Historic District through small grants to building or business owners.

1. Property or business owners must apply for grant before restoration or renovation work has begun.
2. Use of funds will be focused on exterior (façade) work on store fronts of commercial buildings located in the Historic District.
3. All Certificates of Appropriateness applications must be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to receiving funds or starting work. Only those projects that meet appropriate design standards can be funded (see Design Standards).
4. Façade Grant Applicants will be required to submit an application to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.
5. All exterior façade renovations must be started within two months and completed within six months from the date of the grant award. The grant award will expire and no grant money will be paid if the project is not started within two months and completed within six months.
6. Grants will be administered as reimbursements once the project has been completed as agreed upon and receipts are shown for work completed.
7. Grants will be awarded as a 50/50 match up to \$2,500.00 per building or project. Building or business owners may apply for façade grants every two years.
8. Grants will be administered on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted.
9. Improvements funded by the façade grant will be subject to periodic review or inspection by the City of Paris and/or the Historic Preservation Commission to ensure compliance with established Design Standards.