



YORK COUNTY
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York County Trail Towns Façade Grant Webinar

March 14, 2024



Two Grants, One Application

York County Trail Towns
Façade Grant Program

York County Land Bank Authority
Blight Removal Grant Program



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Important Dates



Monday, April 1 at 9:00 AM
Application Window Opens

Monday, May 13 at 9:00 AM
Application Window Closes

Friday, May 24 by 5:00 PM
Grant Awards Announced

September 6
Deadline for Project Completion

Eligible Applicants



- **Property Owners in specified ‘Main Street’ Districts**
- City of York – Central Business District
- Hanover – Downtown District
- Boroughs – High-traffic streets and public-facing businesses
- **Officially Designated Trail-Friendly Businesses**
- **Applicants cannot be elected or appointed officials nor employees or board members of YCEA**

Funding Amount & Terms

Primary Grant



Potential Match



- **Grants will made for up to \$10,000**
- Improvements to the façade of a building and/or storefront including:
 - The repair or replacement of exterior siding/façade materials,
 - Improvements necessary to render a building compliant with the building code
 - Otherwise improve the appearance of the building.
- **A Dollar-for-Dollar Match (100%)**
 - Matching Funds may come from other grants administered by BLOOM or YCLBA
- **Grant Disbursements**
 - Option A: Reimbursement
 - Option B: The grantee may receive 50% upfront

Funding Amount & Terms (Cont.)

Example Projects

- Repainting the exterior of a building or storefront
- Repairing or replacing siding, stucco, clapboards, or repointing brick walls.
- Weatherization of windows, doors, entryways.
- Addition or replacement of lighting, signage, awnings, decorative features (architectural).
- Mural Projects

Ineligible Use of Funds

- Value of the Property Owner's Labor
- Purchase of Outdoor Seating
- Landscaping (mulch, purchase of plants etc.)
- Installation of Security Cameras
- Projects including interior work, beyond that necessary to replace exterior windows/doors

Ineligible for Grant Funds, Permissible for Match

- Architectural & Engineering Costs

Application Process

Pre-Application Tasks

1. Contact your Municipality to schedule an exterior building inspection
2. Determine if an Architectural Design is necessary
3. Make a plan for your project
 - What improvements will you be making?
4. Decide who is going to perform the labor
 - If a contractor will be hired, secure three Bona fide bids or quotes for the project – should be documented

Application Process

- Apply, using the Google Form or a paper application
- What you'll need:
 - Proof of Ownership (deed, lease agreement, tax information)
 - Project Description/budget
 - Three “before” photos
 - Copy of the Building Inspector’s Report
 - Three bids (if using a contractor)
 - Funding Match Commitment Letter
- What you'll be asked for:
 - Parcel ID – Identified via YCPC Property Viewer

Grant Agreements, Reimbursement, Reporting

Post Award Process

Grant Awards Will be Announced By May 24

- Grantees will need to submit
 - A signed grant agreement
 - A completed and signed W-9 form
- **Work Begins within 45 Days after Award**
- **Project Complete, For Reimbursement**
Grantees will need to submit
 - A completed budget, and description of work completed
 - Receipts, invoices, and costs
 - Post-project building inspectors report
 - Three “post” photos

YORK COUNTY TRAIL TOWNS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this ____ day of _____, 202_ between the YORK COUNTY TRAIL TOWNS PROGRAM, an INITIATIVE OF THE YORK COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, located at 144 Roosevelt Ave, York, PA 17401 ("YCEA"), and _____, the owner of a property within one of the seven designated York County Trail Town Communities, hereafter referred to as "the Parties."

WHEREAS, YCEA has established an initiative referred to as the York County Trail Towns Program for the purpose of engaging in economic development and main street activities to leverage outdoor recreational amenities to drive economic growth with the Boroughs of Hanover, Wrightsville, Seven Valleys, Glen Rock, Railroad, and New Freedom, and the City of York, in York County, Pennsylvania, hereafter referred to as "the Towns."

WHEREAS, YCEA has received funding from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the purposes of implementing project and activities as stated to advance the York County Trail Towns Program; and

WHEREAS, the YCEA proposed and DCED approved a line item within the grant application for said funding which establishes a Façade Grant Program intended to improve the physical appearance of homes and businesses within 'main street' areas of the Towns as specified by the York County Trail Towns Façade Improvement Grant Guidelines buildings within the York County Trail Towns Communities; and

WHEREAS, the property owner desires to enter into an agreement with YCEA to fund eligible improvement to the street-facing façade of the property within the boundaries of the 'Town' and the specified districts as defined in the grant application guidelines located at _____, Tax Parcel I.D. No. _____ and further described in the project criteria and description attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 'A' (hereinafter referred to as the 'Project'); and

WHEREAS, YCEA has determined based on the YCEA's project criteria that the Project is eligible for funding, contingent upon the satisfaction of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall commence on the date of final execution by the Parties hereto ("Effective Date") and will terminate one calendar year from the Effective Date ("Term"), unless renewed in writing by both Parties thirty (30) days in advance of the expiration of the Term, or unless otherwise terminated by the Parties pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement. If the Parties agree to renew this Agreement, the renewal Term, and each successive mutually agreed upon renewal Term, shall be for a period of six (6) months from the date of renewal.



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Questions?

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