



New Albany Urban Enterprise Association Commercial Façade Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose

The New Albany Urban Enterprise Association offers grants to commercial/industrial building owners within the zone for a variety of purposes. The NAUEA's main objectives for the grant program are visual improvements, historic preservation and structural integrity. This matching grant program is intended to assist building owners in renovating existing buildings' façade.

Eligibility

In general, the intent of the guidelines is to restrict funding to visible improvements of the exterior façade. The following exterior improvements are eligible, but not limited to:

- Removal of false façade (front)
- Restoring the building to its original constructed materials
- Window or door repair or replacement
- Repointing of mortar joints
- Awnings
- Roof repair
- Historic character improvements
- Masonry repair
- Repair to building façade (front and sides are eligible)
- Cleaning of outbuilding exterior
- Exterior painting
- Total cost of the project must be at least \$1,000.00
- Repairing, replacing and/or adding architecturally appropriate cornices, entrances, doors, windows, decorative detail, porches, and siding
- Adding or replacing architecturally appropriate design elements or lighting, especially where period-appropriate materials are used
- Any improvements will be consistent with the commercial character of the neighborhood

Ineligible

- Exterior improvements that do not match the architectural style of the building or that remove historic elements
- Interior improvements
- Landscaping
- Concrete work for sidewalks
- Faith-based or religious organizations
- Purchase of furnishings, equipment, or other personal property that does not become part of the real estate
- Signage

General Criteria

Important notes: Priority will also be given to applicants who have not received prior funding through the program. Due to limited availability of grant funds, not all requests can be funded. Matching funds are on a first come first served basis.

- Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes located within the New Albany Urban Enterprise Zone (see attached map).
- Repairs that are structural in nature are eligible for grant funding, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Grant funding is NOT available for the purchase or rental of tools, machinery or equipment, or for business owner labor.
- The application must thoroughly describe the project and should include supplementary materials such as drawings, specifications, photographs showing where work will be done, historic photos (if available), budgets and schedule.
- The applicant shall comply with all zoning & permitting requirements of the City of New Albany. If the property is located within the locally-designated Historic District, the project will require review and approval by the Historic Preservation Commission or its staff prior to start of work.
- Business owner can re-apply every 12 months if additional improvements are being made.
- The Project must be located in the Commercial Façade Program Target Area (See attached maps).
- A Project must enhance the front façade which is any side of the building facing a public street (alleyways and paper streets excluded). Buildings situated on street corners or with facades facing two public streets may be eligible for both street-facing sides.
- The total cost for the Project must be at least \$500.00.
- The Project property may not have any outstanding municipal debt, including but not limited to city taxes, utilities, or other municipal liens.
- The Business Owner must submit a completed application and complete the approval process prior to beginning a project. Any renovation started before the application and approval process is completed will not be eligible for a grant.
- A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission which approves the proposed renovations, must be received before the commencement of any exterior work can take place if located in the Historic District.
- If applicant needs to block an alley, street or sidewalk to complete the work, permission must be obtained from the New Albany Board of Public Works **prior to beginning the work**. Upon approval, a permit from the New Albany City Clerk's office must be obtained. Call 812.948.5336 for information.

Project Funding

- Up to 50% of the total project costs with a \$2,500 maximum grant and a \$500 minimum grant for eligible improvements. The Building Owner is responsible for 50% of the project costs up to \$2,500 and any excess costs.