

\$2,000

Storefront Improvement Grant 2024 Guidelines & Application Toronto Coalition For Revitalization Toronto Beautification Committee



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PURPOSE

Storefront appearance is a critical aspect of the overall aesthetic appeal and unique character of a commercial district. Because it creates a first impression. It is also key to individual business success. The Storefront Improvement Grant is to encourage businesses and property owners within eligible programs to improve their storefronts, making these more attractive to shoppers and increasing the economic vitality and attractiveness to new investment.

To be eligible for funding, the business must be located on one of the following; Franklin Street from Timet north to Trenton Avenue, Third Street, Fourth Street, Market Street and Main Street.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDILINES

Buildings/businesses are eligible if they meet the following criteria

- * 50% or more of the building is used for commercial use
- * The business faces the street * The business is open to the public.
- * The business is located within the program area.
- * All applications are subject to further review for eligibility.
- * The business has a current Business License/Tax Certificate.
- * All applications are subject to further additional reviews for eligibility

OFFICE USE
Date received _____
From _____
Staff _____

To confirm the commitment of the applicant, the first \$200.00 of the grant will be paid by the applicant. Grant will pay up to \$2,000.00 of the remaining balance. Invoices will be paid within 5 days of receiving invoices from applicants contractor

IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024 OR FUNDING WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

TCFR/TBC GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

*** If interested in Storefront Grant contact TCFR/TBC Committee to determine if your project is eligible.**

Contact person; Abbey LeMasters, TCFR President 740-632-4133 Email; tribescoffee@gmail.com

* If awarded funding, the recipient will collaborate with the TCFR/TBC SIG Committee.

APPLICATION Must be submitted by June 3 to The Coalition P.O. Box 121 Toronto Ohio

PRINT Applicant Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Are you the Business Owner YES/NO Property Owner YES/NO

If you are not the property owner, have the property owner complete the Information below

Property Owner Name & Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Property Owner Mailing Address: _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Existing business in this location YES/NO New business in this location YES/NO

PRINT Name of Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Age of Business: _____ Tax ID/EIN Number: _____

How is Business organized (corporation, sole proprietor, LLC., Etc.) _____

DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

Storefronts should be oriented to the pedestrian and facilitate access into the store; provide visual interest both day and night and create a store identity unique to Toronto and/or the respective neighborhood. Improvements funded by the program must be compatible with the character and architecture of the individual building and, to the extent appropriate, with other buildings along the street. Buildings with significant architectural qualities are strongly encouraged to restore and maintain these features. Improvements for buildings not having notable historic or architectural features should be seen as an opportunity to enhance the appearance of the building and their streetscapes.

ELIGIBLE STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENTS **Must include photo/s of area to be improved with written detailed description of improvement.**

The following improvements are encouraged:

- Accessible parking spaces and path of travel on private property for retail use (i.e., signage, curb ramps, paving, sidewalks, etc.)
- Accessible entrance into storefront (i.e. ramps, lifts, etc.) and accessible doors (i.e., automatic door openers, ADA-compliant hardware, etc.)
- Restoration of details in historically contributed or significant buildings, and removal of elements which cover architectural details;
- Window display areas which are appropriately scaled and which facilitate night viewing, window replacement and window framing visible from the street which are appropriately scaled to the building;
- Signage that is attractively integrated into the architecture of the building, including the window area, awnings or canopies, and entryways;
- Lighting that is visually appealing and appropriately illuminates signage, storefront window displays, and recessed areas of a building facade:
- Awnings or canopies that can be both functional and visually appealing;



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- Landscaping features attached to the building where appropriate, such as window boxes or planters;
- New entrance and storefront construction, appropriately scaled within an existing building.
- Other approved items (i.e. painting, cleaning, repointing, etc.) necessary to achieve the overall improvement



CONSTRUCTION COSTS - Use additional page/s if needed

Improvement Type	Total Costs	Contractor/Vendor
Facade masonry/ Brick pointing	\$	
Cornices	\$	
Exterior Painting	\$	
Windows/ glazing	\$	
Exterior doors	\$	
Exterior facade lighting	\$	
See-through security gates	\$	
Signage	\$	
Canopies/awnings	\$	
Handicapped ramps	\$	
Window boxes	\$	
Demolition	\$	
Other:	\$	
SUBTOTAL	\$	
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF IMPROVEMENT	\$	

*** APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT**

PHOTOS AND/OR DRAWINGS SHOWING THE SCOPE OF THE IMPROVEMENT/S

PAYMENT OF MATERIALS AND LABOR

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STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I, _____ (The Applicant) certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant. The applicant certifies that all information in this application and all information furnished in of the application is given for the purpose of obtaining SIG funding and is true and complete to the best of the applicants knowledge.

If the applicant is not the owner of the property, or if the applicant is not the sole owner of the property, the owners authorization form must be filled out and attached.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Title: _____

