

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

FAÇADE AND SIGN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



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PURPOSE

To provide assistance to Downtown (TID No. 3) and South Commercial (TID No. 4) District business and property owners for the significant improvement and rehabilitation of the exteriors of their buildings and replace signage in order to contribute to and enhance the overall revitalization of the Downtown and South Commercial Districts.

PREREQUISITES

Property must be located within the Tax Incremental District (TID) No. 3 or TID No. 4 (see maps on the following page). All proposals must adhere to the requirements of the Downtown or South Commercial District Redevelopment Plan and any other applicable Village regulations. Contact Planning & Development Staff for a copy of the Downtown or South Commercial District Design Guidelines.

To receive grant funding, proposed improvements must be approved by the Community Development Authority (CDA). Any work initiated or cost incurred prior to receiving CDA approval are not eligible grant expenses.

Once the grant funding has been approved, the business/property owner must obtain a building permit from the Inspection Department before the start of construction. Please contact the Inspection Department for the necessary permits at (262) 375-5305. The project may also require approval from the Architectural Review Board and/or the Plan Commission. Contact Planning & Development Staff to discuss your project and necessary approvals. Village payment of the grant award will be made upon completion of project.

PROGRAMS

Façade Improvement Grant Program

A matching grant of up to \$20,000 is available for the rehabilitation of the facades of Downtown or South Commercial District properties. Business or property owners must provide a 50 percent match for the grant.

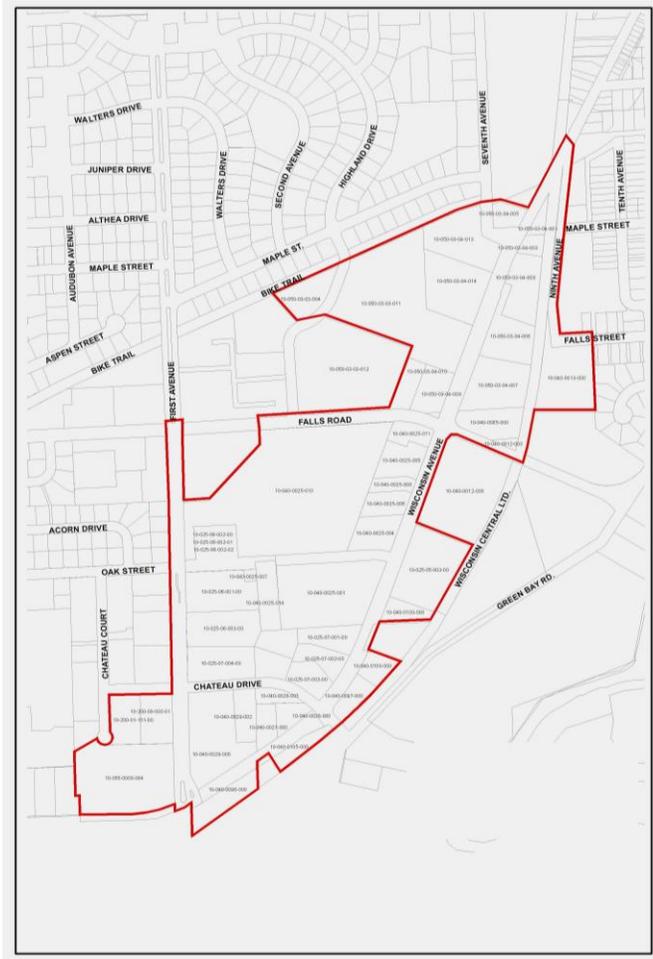
Projects must produce a significant visual improvement to the façade(s) visible from a public street. All activities associated with substantially restoring or beautifying a façade are eligible including exterior surfaces, painting, roofs, windows, doors, awnings, and decorative features. Non-eligible activities include interior work, landscaping, and routine repairs or maintenance such as one-for-one replacement of windows and roofs. Some routine maintenance becomes eligible if tied to a more elaborate project.

Sign Replacement Grant Program

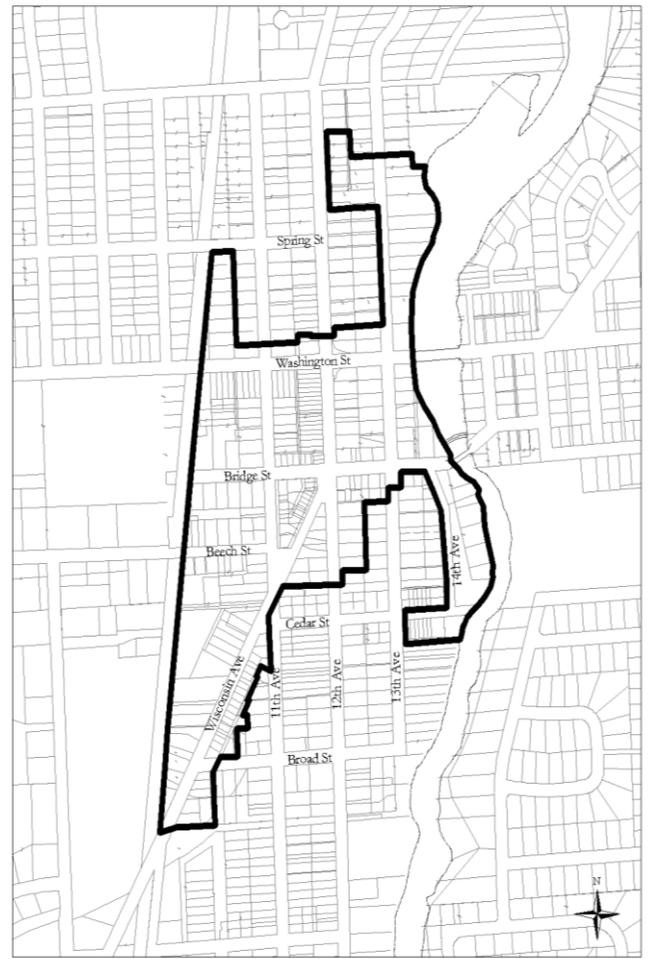
A maximum grant of up to \$1,000 is available for replacement of signage in the Downtown or South Commercial District properties. Business owners must provide a 50 percent match. Eligible activities include removal of signage and awnings, purchase, and installation of new signage.

Property must be located within the Tax Incremental District (TID) # 3 or TID #4 as depicted below.

South Commercial District TID No. 4



Downtown District TID No. 3



APPLICATION

Select District: Downtown (TID No. 3) _____ South Commercial (TID No. 4) _____

Select Program: Façade Program _____ Sign Program _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Applicant/Business Owner Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Estimated Project Costs:

Item	Cost
Masonry Work	\$
Paint	\$
Carpentry	\$
Electrical	\$
Windows	\$
Doors	\$
Awnings	\$
Signage	\$
Other _____	\$
Total Estimated Cost	\$
Grant Amount Requested	\$

Additional submittal requirements for Façade Grant Program applications:

- Description of proposed improvements
- Building elevations of proposed improvements (color, 11x17)
- Construction bids

Proposed Start Date: ____/____/____ Proposed Completion Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____