

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The City of Marysville has created the Uptown Building Improvement Grant Program to directly stimulate **commercial building improvements** to structures located in the **Uptown Commercial Zoning District**, or elsewhere as deemed appropriate by the committee. The program funding, budgeted for \$100,0000, is intended to help fund private investment with high quality historically accurate improvements. Improvement efforts are to be in line with the revitalization of historic Uptown Marysville and the Uptown Revitalization Plan.

All projects that receive funding must apply and receive Certificate of Appropriateness approval from the Marysville **Design Review Board (DRB)**. Projects which commence prior to City and DRB approval are not eligible.

FUNDING

Grants are available to cover up to **50%** of the total eligible project costs, not to exceed

\$25,000. Grants of up to \$50,000 may be considered for economically significant projects (high investment, positive community impact, innovation, job creation, etc.). The applicant must use private, non-City funds to match the City's grant. Grantees will be **reimbursed at the conclusion** of the project, after certification of project costs and verification of compliance with the approved plans.

WHO?

Applicants can be property **owners or tenants**. Government properties are not eligible for funding from this program. Tenants must have written approval from property owners to participate in the program. Property owners/tenants must be up to date on all municipal taxes, utility bills, City Codes (occupancy permits on file) and property maintenance relating to the business and/or building prior to participation in the program.

GRANT AMOUNT

Up to **50%** of the project cost

\$25,000 maximum per project

Reimbursement upon project completion

REQUIREMENTS

Located in Uptown Commercial zone

Design Review Board Approval

Completion within **180 days**

Commercially owned property

Structural or facade improvement



ELIGIBILITY

The intent of the program is to help fund significant improvements to eligible buildings and sites. Projects must comply with the Design Guidelines for Historic Uptown.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Commercial and mixed-use structures within the boundaries of the **Uptown Commercial Zoning District** or "target area" are eligible for funding. Buildings used solely for residential purposes are not eligible.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The costs of **new construction** or work that only involves **routine maintenance** are not eligible under the program. An exemption may be made in the case of repairs if they will support the health, safety, and preservation of the Uptown structure.

JUDGMENT

Priority will be given to projects that would result in **comprehensive restoration** or **substantial improvement** to the entire building or facade. However, the City recognizes that the Uptown District contains buildings of different scales and levels of detail. In some cases a small improvement may result in significant impact on the character of a certain building or district as a whole.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Window/door repair or replacement

Exterior cleaning

Restoration/renovation of facade

Fire suppression

Among other projects

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

New construction and additions

Routine maintenance

Interior improvements

Among other projects



REQUIREMENTS

The owner/tenant shall comply with all applicable provisions of the City of **Marysville Codified Ordinances** and **Ohio Building Code**. By submitting an application to the program, the tenant/property owner agrees to allow the City and/or the County Building Department to inspect the interior and exterior of the building for code compliance.

Additionally, applicants must submit an application for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** with the DRB. All necessary board approvals must be acquired before a project begins.

The grant agreement stipulates that the improvements must be **constructed within 180 days** of approval. Matching grant funds will only be disbursed to the applicant once construction of the approved improvements has been completed, project costs have been verified, and the improvements have been inspected by City staff.

DECISION CRITERIA

All completed applications for grants must be received by the deadline date of the corresponding funding cycle as published. Once the eligibility of each application is established, the amount of grant funds requested will be compared to the amount of available funds by a committee comprised of the following members: The Marysville City Planner, City Economic Development Representative, and a Marysville Design Review Board Representative. Projects with the highest rankings will be awarded the grant. The committee's final decision is not appealable by applicants. The committee reserves the right to reduce grant awards if project activities are ineligible or the amount of grant requests exceed available funding. The committee may consider projects outside of the application review window if funding is available.

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Application and Guidelines: link to website here as it is available

Design Review Board: www.marysvilleohio.org/151/Design-Review-Board

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Pre-application meeting
- 2. Submit application
- 3. Application Staff Review
- 4. DRB Review
- 5. Execute Agreement
- 6. Complete Project
- 7. Funding Reimbursement

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