



Council Policy

Storefront Improvement

Program Impacted	Economic Development <i>Edmonton has a diverse and prosperous economy that thrives locally and globally</i>
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Statement

The City of Edmonton may provide financial incentives to commercial property owners and business tenants within Business Improvement Areas and Council approved Target Areas for storefront improvements. These improvements contribute to walkable, attractive, vibrant and thriving main streets and commercial areas. These conditions attract visitors and patrons, while helping retain existing and attract new businesses, contributing to the City's strategic goals of Urban Places and Regional Prosperity.

Guiding Principles

The program prioritizes awarding matching grant funding to storefront renovation projects that improve the **appearance, functionality, and/or accessibility** of an eligible building.

Eligible buildings must:

1. be located within Business Improvement Areas or a Council approved Target Area,
2. have a storefront facing onto a public road right-of-way and/or a facade facing onto pedestrian oriented, municipally owned open space;
3. be commercial or mixed-use in nature with commercial uses on the ground floor, and
4. have not received a Storefront Improvement or Facade Improvement grant within the previous 10 years.

Matching Grants

The following Storefront Improvement Program matching grant financial incentives may be available to property owners in Business Improvement Areas and other Target Areas approved by City Council:

1. A reimbursement grant of up to 50% of eligible construction costs to a maximum amount of \$25,000 on a mid-block building with one active facade facing a public road right-of-way or a pedestrian-oriented, City owned open space.
2. A reimbursement grant of up to 50% of eligible construction costs to a maximum amount of \$30,000 on a corner building with one active facade (\$25,000 for the active facade and \$5,000 for the inactive facade). The corner building must have at least two facades facing a public road right-of-way, or a facade facing a public road right-of-way and a facade fronting onto a pedestrian-oriented, municipally owned open space.
3. A reimbursement grant of up to 50% of eligible construction costs to a maximum amount of \$50,000 on a corner building with two active facades (\$25,000 per facade). The corner building must have at least two active facades facing a public road right-of-way, or an active facade facing a public road right-of-way and a facade fronting onto a pedestrian-oriented, municipally owned open space.
4. A matching reimbursement grant of up to \$1,000 for small storefront improvements (excluding vandalism repair), not to be combined with a larger storefront grant, and available to a street-facing ground floor commercial unit once every five years.