

Eligible Projects

- Exterior building renovations for commercial and mixed-use spaces, façade/storefront renovations
- Small projects- permanently affixed signage and awnings and minor exterior painting
- Building Murals
- Exterior improvements to support adjusted business practices, e.g. pick-up windows outdoor seating areas

Ineligible Projects/Expenses

- Acquisition costs, improvements to structure owned by religious or private membership-based organizations, improvements to municipally owned and municipally operated buildings, furnishings, appliances, electronics, tools, disposable supplies, business equipment, non-permanent fixtures, temporary artwork
- Funds may not be used for site work or ancillary activities on a property including but not limited to the following: site work, ancillary activities, septic systems/laterals, grading, parking lot, sidewalks, patios, decks, garages, sheds, landscaping, fences, free standing signs, general maintenance, repairs
- Inventory, rent or lease expenses, working capital, other undefined expenses that do not sustain business operations.
- Funds can not be used for participant, participants family or staff labor or for reimbursement of materials only



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Process Timeline:

- Outreach to property owners and tenants
- Assistance to applicants with design and application process
- Application deadline- *March 1st*
- Review and selection of projects for funding- *March 21st*
- Submit to NYS for approval- *April 1st*
- Announcement of winners- *April 15th*
- Receive deposit from chosen projects for environmental testing (approx. 1 week after notification of award)

The following will vary depending on the project:

- Environmental testing and reporting
- Historic Review by SHPO
- Bidding process for contractors
- Selection of contractor
- Construction
- Issue of Certificate of Occupancy by Village
- Submit to NYS for reimbursement
- NYS approves and releases reimbursement



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Eligible Area:



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FAQs:

- **Can I sell my building after making improvements?** If you sell your building immediately after reimbursement, you will have to repay the funding. Each year you own the building after reimbursement the repayment amount reduces by 20% until after five years, there is no repayment required
- **Do I have to have my own architect or engineer?** You may need architectural plans depending on the scope of your project. Typically where a description and sketch are not enough to convey your desired design. The program administrators can assist in preparing concept sketches for submission if needed.
- **Do I have to have the money up front?** Yes, this is a reimbursable grant. Construction financing or other funds will be needed to make the improvements of which 80% of eligible funds will be reimbursed upon completion.
- **Does the grant cover repairs I already did?** No, only approved improvements made after selection as a recipient are eligible for reimbursement.
- **Does the grant cover the inside of my business?** No, this grant covers exterior improvements to the building only.
- **Can I use my own contractor to do the work?** The program will provide a list of eligible contractors including MWBE companies to choose from to bid on the project. You can use your own contractor as long as there is no conflict of interest and they meet the requirements of the state. Regardless of contractor chosen by the participant, reimbursement will only be 80% of the lowest bid. Any cost incurred over and above are the responsibility of the participant



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Maritime Village Look:



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