



City of Ironwood

Façade Improvement Program Application and Guidelines 2025

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The façade program is structured to provide downtown commercial buildings (zoned C-2) façade improvements that create a high impact visual and minimize deterioration. This program is based on the premise that the exterior improvements will stimulate additional private investment in the buildings and surrounding area, and attract additional customers, thereby resulting in additional economic opportunities.

Applications will start to be reviewed after January 1, 2025 and the application period will remain open until funding is awarded.

2024 Funding Round

1. The program will provide a 25% match up to \$3,000 per applicant. **The City has approximately \$15,000 to fund projects with.**
2. The program is a reimbursement program which means the property owner must complete the project and submit invoices and pass inspection by the City Building Inspector in order to receive reimbursement.
3. A building permit is required but there will be no charge.
4. All work shall be completed and reimbursement requests submitted by November 15, 2025.

Qualifications

1. Property is zoned C-2 Downtown Commercial District.
2. Building is used for commercial purposes.
3. Applicant must be the owner of the building.
4. The scope of the project must fit the form and character of the building.

Eligible Activities

Permanent exterior improvements including masonry repairs and tuck-pointing, painting, residing; repair/replace/preserve historically significant architectural details; removal of historically inappropriate materials; window/door restoration/replacement; storefront reconstruction; cornice repair, awnings etc. Facades that face a public street shall take first preference, facades that do not face a public street but are visible from a public street will be given consideration depending on the level of deterioration and need for improvements.

Ineligible Activities

Roof repairs; attached, hanging, or projecting signs unrelated to the architecture of the building; interior improvements and furnishings; utility/trash enclosures; parking lots and site improvements; covering up reducing the size or removing windows or doors.

Scoring Criteria

A group comprised of the Community Development Director, Building Inspector, Community Development Assistant, and DIDA Chair will review and select the projects. Applications will be scored based on how high impact of a project it is visually (historic accuracy will be taken into consideration) as well as the cost ratio of building owner contribution to the grant received (the greater owner match the better it will score).

2025 City of Ironwood Façade Grant Application

Building Owner Name: _____

Building Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Required Documents to be submitted with Application

1. Color Pictures of Existing Building Façade(s).
2. Itemized list of façade improvements with two (2) cost estimates **using the attached form**. If you intend to do some of the work yourself and purchase materials indicate so and the store you are purchasing the material from.
3. Drawings of proposed façade improvements and locations on façade. Professional drawings are not required. If you would like to use the existing building façade pictures and draw improvements/write notes that is acceptable.
4. Pictures/Images of proposed improvements such as building materials, colors, styles of windows/doors/awnings etc. For example if you are proposing to surface your façade, provide a picture of the type of surface and its color. If you are proposing new windows or doors provide a picture or image of what it will look like. If you are able to transpose the images onto your required drawing that will give the City a better idea of what the final product will look like.

Optional Documents to be submitted with Application

1. Historical Pictures of building façade(s).

I have read, understand and agree to the City of Ironwood's Façade Improvement Program Application and Guidelines and agree to comply with any and all Local, State and Federal requirements that may apply. I also agree that if the scope of work proposed and approved is not completed part or all of the grant funds may be withheld and I will only be reimbursed on actual expenses upon submission of expense documentation.

Signature

Date

Façade Improvement Items	Company #1 Name and Phone	Company #2 Name and Phone
	Cost Estimate	Cost Estimate
1.	\$	\$
2.	\$	\$
3.	\$	\$
4.	\$	\$
5.	\$	\$
6.	\$	\$
7.	\$	\$
8.	\$	\$
9.	\$	\$
10.	\$	\$
11.	\$	\$
12.	\$	\$
13.	\$	\$
14.	\$	\$
15.	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$