



City of Edgerton Backdoor Improvement Grant Policy and Application

Objective: The purpose of the Backdoor Improvement Grant is to provide financial assistance for a portion of costs associated with *building improvement projects in the rear or secondary entrance of the building that contribute to the improvement and economic vitality of the Downtown TIF District.*

What projects are eligible?

Rear entrance maintenance and upgrade projects, such as window and door replacement, tuckpointing, accessibility improvements, dumpster enclosures, etc. in which the City's investment is no more than \$5,000 or 60% of the project costs.

What projects are priorities?

- Improvements to rear of structures that improve that longevity of the structure. (Single family properties that are not part of a redevelopment project are not eligible.)
- Improvements that further building code compliance such as building accessibility.
- Improvements to historic buildings.

When can I apply?

Before the project begins and before Jan 1, 2025.

What do I need to apply?

- Need to be either the owner or a tenant with a lease on the property.
- A description of the project.
- Bids for all project cost.
- The signature of the owner on the application.

What will the City consider when determining if a project qualifies for a Downtown Exterior Improvement Grant?

- The impact on the downtown.
- The impact on the structure.
- How much of the project costs are for those priority items listed above.

- The overall project costs.
- The extent of the modifications proposed to the façade. Exterior alterations, including painting, require approval of the Historic Commission. Extensive façade modifications may require the applicant meet with the City's architect.

How long do I have to complete the work?

- One year from the time of the grant award.

When do I receive the Grant Funds?

Upon issuance of an occupancy permit, if one is required, or upon completion of the project. Funding will not be released if the applicant has outstanding City charges.

NOTE: The RDA reserves the right to alter these policies at its discretion based on the merits of the project.



**City of Edgerton
Backdoor Improvement Grant Application**

Applicant Name _____

Business Name _____ Type of Business _____

Property Address _____

Applicant Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Property Owner _____

Property Owner Telephone _____ Email _____

1. Please describe the **business, or land use** if the application is not for a business.

2. Please describe the **proposed work** to be completed.

3. Please describe the **value of the project** to the Downtown. Include statements and documentation of previous investments you have made in the property for which you are applying. How will this project improve the overall image of Downtown?

4. Project Costs:

Masonry work	\$ _____	Paint	\$ _____
Carpentry	\$ _____	Electrical	\$ _____
Windows	\$ _____	Doors	\$ _____
Awnings	\$ _____	Signage	\$ _____
Professional Services	\$ _____	Other _____	\$ _____

Total Estimated Cost \$ _____

Maximum Grant Request = Project costs serving future building user x 0.60 = _____

(Maximum grant request cannot exceed \$5,000)

By signing below, the applicant certifies that all the information in this application and all information furnished in support of this application is true and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief. Signing this application also verifies that the improvements proposed by this application will adhere to the approved plans, applicable building codes and the City's *Downtown Design Guidelines*. Modifications to the approved plans must be approved by the RDA prior to work commencing. By signing the application, the applicant agrees to display a grant poster in a location visible to the public for the six months following a grant award.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Owner Signature _____

Date _____