

2019

Façade Improvement Program GRANT APPLICATION



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Downtown Charlottetown Inc (DCI) is now accepting grant applications for the 2019 Façade Improvement Program. DCI will be awarding a total of \$25,000 in façade enhancements to commercial property owners and business owners within the Business Improvement Area (BIA). Under the program, successful applicants are eligible to receive 50% of cost of their façade improvement project(s) their cost (excluding HST) up to a maximum of \$4,000. The program was created to provide assistance to commercial property owners and business owners in renovating, improving and restoring the façades of the buildings that make up the street scape character of our downtown. Eligible façade improvements may include but are not limited to; exterior architectural and decorative details, landscaping, signage, security, lighting and more. DCI encourages all commercial property owners and business owners within the BIA who are considering upgrading the exterior of their property to submit a grant application.

Located in the heart of Charlottetown's historic Downtown, DCI serves a 16 block area of 500 plus members. We are dedicated to sustain and encouraging growth and prosperity in the downtown and continue to be proactive in delivering programs that strive to make downtown a clean, safe, attractive, vibrant place to live, work, plan and invest.



FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDE

Purpose

- This Program is designed to provide commercial property owners/tenants, the incentive to invest in the continued revitalization of our downtown by providing financial assistance for façade improvements to your property. Results benefits – increased aesthetic appeal and property value, making an important contribution to the overall revitalization of the Downtown.
- To improve the overall attractiveness of the streetscape of the BIA
- To build and reinforce a greater sense of community in the downtown

Eligible Applicants

- All DCI Levy paying commercial property owners and their tenants located within the Business Improvement Area (BIA)
- Tenants must have a letter of approval from property owner

Facades are defined as

- The outside wall, which border on a street, parking lot, walkway or public alleyway. Facades that border on narrow corridors between buildings or that will have a structure constructed along that façade in the future are not eligible to receive assistance.

Eligible Improvements

- Improvements to exterior architectural and decorative details, painting, siding, windows, doors, awning, lighting, landscaping, steps, reconstructions, accessibility and signage. This list is not all encompassing; other modifications may be considered.

Financial Assistance

- Successful applicants are eligible to receive 50% of their improvement costs, excluding HST, up to a maximum of \$4000.
- DCI will review applications on a first come first serve bases. Funds will be distributed until the 2019 budget allocations has been depleted, at which point no new applicants will be accepted.

Procedure

- A completed and signed application form along with all supporting documents including;
 - Detailed Project Description
 - Photo or drawing of current conditions
 - Drawing of Proposed Improvements
 - Written quotes from certified Contractor(s)
- Upon review and approval a letter of agreement will be issued detailing terms and conditions and amount of funding approved.
- Payment of claims will be contingent upon;
 - work completion,
 - submission of detailed Claim Form (provided with letter of agreement)
 - copies of all invoices and cancelled cheques
 - photos of Completed project/façade
- Completion deadline of October 31st 2019 is firm and no Claim form will be accepted, or approved funds released after November 15th 2019.

Conditions

- Applicants must receive required building permits, heritage and design approval from the City of Charlottetown.
- Applicants are required to provide a progress report at 80% completing on the project
- Submission of all completed application form with supporting documentation does not guarantee the applicant acceptance into the program





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Date		Property Owner _____	
Applicant Name		or Business Owner _____	
Business Name		Phone	_____
Physical Address		Email	_____
Mailing Address	_____		

Heritage Building	Yes _____ No _____		
# of Stories		Occupied: 1 st _____ 2 nd _____ 3 rd _____	
Total Square Feet of Building	_____		
Building Usage	_____		
Proposed Project	_____		
Total Cost of Improvement: \$ _____			
Tentative Start Date	_____	Tentative Completion Date	_____

Note: Application approval is necessary and must have been given prior the commencement of work

Please Attach the Following:

Detailed project description	_____
Photo or drawing of current conditions	_____
Drawing of proposed improvements	_____
Quotes from certified Contractor(s)	_____
Note Photo of complete project will be required	

Conditions:

- Must be located within the BIA
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits. City of Charlottetown Planning Dept. Phone: 902.629.4158 Fax:902.629.4156 Email:planning@charlottetown.ca

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Date Received:

Date Reviewed:

Application Complete: Yes / No (Details)

Approval Letter Sent: Yes/No

Amount Grant Approved: \$ _____

Executive Director Signature: _____