



York Corridor BID Facade Improvement Grant Program

Program Overview

The York Corridor BID Facade Improvement Program is a new grant opportunity for small businesses and commercial property owners located within the York Road Commercial Corridor (see map). The purpose of the program is to assist property and business owners with improving the appearance of their building exteriors. Eligible projects for funding through this program include:

- Design & installation of exterior signage, including blade signs, awnings, & lettering
- Cleaning, repainting, and/or refinishing of building exteriors
- Cleaning and/or repointing of brick, and other masonry services
- Installation of new exterior lighting, including string lighting, uplighting, and other outdoor lighting shining on or attached to the building exterior

Process

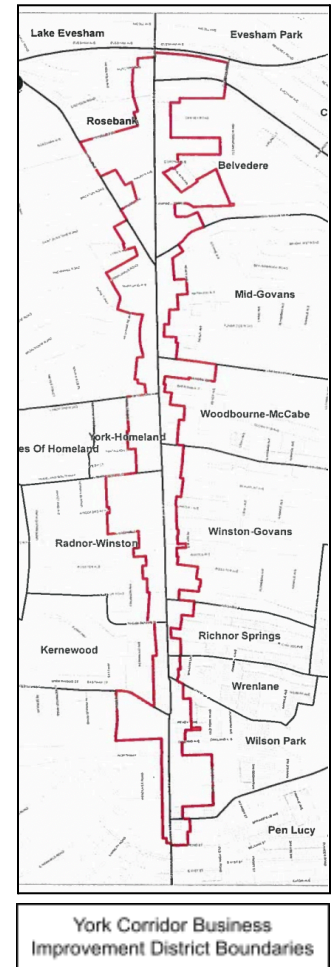
The York Corridor BID's Facade Improvement Grant is paid directly to contractors (no out of pocket expenses for applicant). Specific steps for businesses include:

Step 1. Design facade improvement project and identify contractor; submit project information to York Corridor BID (max project cost \$10,000).

NOTE: Contractor must be a licensed contractor and have sufficient insurance requirements. The BID can assist with identifying contractors and soliciting estimates if needed.

Step 2. York Corridor BID (in partnership with Loyola University) signs with the contractor and provides payments necessary to proceed with permitting and construction.

Step 3. Contractor completes the project, provides photos of the final work. York Corridor BID facilitates final payment directly to contractor.



Eligibility

To be eligible for the York Corridor BID's Facade Improvement Program, you must...

- Currently own and operate a small business located along York Road, between Northern Parkway and 41st Street (see map). Both building renters and owners are eligible to apply.
- Be able to obtain written consent to the final project plan from building owner (if different from applicant).
- Agree to sign over responsibility to York Corridor BID and Loyola University to execute the applicant's desired contract. This is necessary in order to facilitate direct payments to contractors.
- Comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, as well as all applicable local, state and federal statutes governing fair leasing practices and equal employment opportunities.

Contact us today to begin planning your project!

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