

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Painting to include murals
- New or restored signs
- Awnings
- Façade improvements
- Window treatments/replacement
- New or refurbished doors
- Lighting

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Downtown Enhancement Fund

Applying for the Storefront Improvement Program, but need additional funds?

If so, the Downtown Enhancement Fund is right for you. Our fine community partners at Explore Fairbanks created the fund to compliment the Storefront Improvement Program. These funds can be used to help with the match, or to exceed the \$50,000 cap, or for seasonal improvements. Best yet, applying is as simple as selecting a box on your Storefront Improvement Program application.



For more information

Storefront Improvement Program

City of Fairbanks

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Storefront Improvement Program

A grant opportunity for local businesses and non-profit organizations to improve the look of downtown Fairbanks.

Introduction

The City of Fairbanks is pleased to announce the Storefront Improvement Program aimed at revitalizing and enhancing the downtown area between 1st to 10th Avenue and Cowles Street to Noble Street. This program is designed to support business owners in improving the exterior appearance of their buildings, contributing to the overall aesthetic appeal and economic vibrancy of the downtown area.

Grant Overview

- Provides a 50% reimbursement of up to \$50,000 per applicant
- Multi-phased projects may be reimbursed by phase
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of signing the grant agreement. A single six-month extension may be awarded on a case-by-case basis.



How to Apply

There is an exceptionally simple application available online at www.fairbanks.gov or physical copies may be picked up in the Clerks Office at City Hall (800 Cushman Street).

Application Essentials

- Project concept narrative
- Illustration of project
- Proposed budget
- “Before” photo(s)
- For projects totaling over \$10,000 you will need a bid from a licensed contractor



2026 Key Dates

- January 30, 2026 – Application process goes live
- **April 1, 2026 – First round of applications due**
- April 15, 2026 – First round awarded
- **June 1, 2026 – Second round of applications due** (funding dependent)
- July 1, 2026 – Second round awarded (funding dependent)