

Commercial Revitalization Grants Program

The Commercial Revitalization Grants Program offers two funding streams, the Storefront Improvement Grant and the Commercial Improvement Grant, to support revitalizing the City's mature neighbourhoods through targeted investments that enhance the pedestrian experience, improve neighbourhood vibrance, and promote active commercial use. Through financial assistance, the program helps businesses and non-residential property owners improve the functionality, accessibility, energy efficiency, and aesthetics of existing commercial buildings.

Program Eligibility

Applications and projects must meet a minimum of \$10,000 in eligible costs. Both grants are available to Resident Businesses and non-profit organizations with a valid Business Licence and/or property owners of commercial property located in Fort Saskatchewan and built before January 1, 2000.

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Storefront Improvement Grant

The Storefront Improvement Grant encourages investment in exterior and frontage improvements that enhance the appearance, accessibility, and functionality of buildings and the adjoining streetscape in mature neighbourhoods.

Funding

This Grant will cover up to 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$15,000, for an exterior or frontage improvement.

Eligibility

The Applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible to apply for the Storefront Improvement Grant:

- The building must be an Eligible Property;
- The Applicant must be the property owner or tenant with property owner approval;
- If the Applicant is a tenant, there must be a minimum three-year lease remaining from the Application Date;
- Individual Units within a Multi-Unit Building will be treated as individual Applicants;
- Government buildings/property, residential property without a ground-floor commercial use, churches, and other religious institutions will not be eligible.

Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
Architectural or engineering fees	Structural work not related to storefront
Façade improvements and repairs	Interior renovations
Entryway accessibility upgrades	Security bars and systems
Restoring architectural features	Non-permanent items and furnishings
Exterior lighting and signage	Landscaping, sidewalk, paving, or curb work
Restoring historical elements	Legal, permitting, or commission fees
Rear or side façade improvements	Costs incurred before the Application Date
Murals visible from the street	Routine maintenance
	Insurance and warranties
	Code compliance-only upgrades
	Private-use improvements

Commercial Improvement Grant

The purpose of the Commercial Improvement Grant is to support investment in the interior renovation of commercial units in older buildings within mature neighbourhoods. Improvements, whether for occupied, vacant, or under-utilized spaces, are expected to enhance the accessibility, visual appeal, energy efficiency, and functionality of publicly accessible or shared interior areas.

The intent is to help retain existing tenants, reduce commercial vacancy, and attract new investment to mature areas.

Funding

This Grant will cover up to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$10,000 towards an interior renovation or improvement.

Eligibility

The Applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible to apply for the Commercial Improvement Grant:

- The building or unit must be an Eligible Property;
- The Applicant must be the property owner, or tenant with property owner approval;
- If the Applicant is a tenant, there must be a minimum three-year lease remaining from the Application Date;
- Individual Units within a Multi-Unit Building will be treated as individual Applicants;
- Government buildings/property, residential property without a ground-floor commercial use, churches, and other religious institutions will not be eligible;
- Only areas that serve a commercial or business purpose are eligible. Renovations and expenses for areas with a residential purpose are not eligible;
- The project must enhance the aesthetics or functionality of common-use interior areas, such as entryways, lobbies, waiting rooms, workspaces, or restrooms. Additionally, the project should result in an improvement to the building's overall aesthetics and functionality.

Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs
Architectural or engineering fees	Structural/foundation/ro of repairs
Interior renovations and finishes	Residential area renovations or upgrades
Building systems & energy upgrades	Security bars and systems
Modification of demising walls	Furniture, chattels, non-permanent fixtures
Accessibility improvements	Legal, permitting, or commission fees
Code-compliant safety features	Shipping and delivery charges
	Costs incurred before the Application Date
	Routine maintenance
	Insurance and warranties



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