



MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN

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HISTORIC FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Municipality of Norristown has allocated U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for grants to upgrade and preserve the façade of historic structures.

ELGIBLE PROPERTIES

In order to qualify for this program:

1. The property owner or representative must make formal application with the Municipality of Norristown—Planning Department. Applications will be received on a ***“first-come, first-served”*** basis.
2. Only commercial or multi-family residential structures of more than six (6) units are eligible for grants.
3. The property must be located in the area bound by Markley Street in the west, Walnut Street in the east, Marshall Street in the north and the Schuylkill River on the south and/or be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The 1980 Milner Report will be used to determine eligibility or the property owner may present historic documentation.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

BASIC GRANTS will be available for eligible properties which are located in the Municipality’s National Register Historic Districts. Grants of up to \$7,500.00 will be awarded on a ***“first-come, first-served”*** basis. The grant must be matched equally by the property owner. For each grant dollar committed, the owner must invest one dollar.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The Municipality of Norristown has hired an architect to work with property owners in preparing specifications for the renovation work. All projects must comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation. Grants and matching funds may only be used for items which are specified.
2. Projects in commercial structures receiving over \$2,000.00 are subject to the Davis Bacon Federal wage rates, and those with over \$10,000.00 in Federal grants will require sealed bids



in addition to being subject to Davis Bacon Wage rate requirements. The necessary information will be provided by the Municipality.

3. Property owners must comply with all program rules.

APPLICATIONS

The Municipality of Norristown will take applications on a ***“first-come, first-served”*** basis. Interested property owners may contact the Planning Department, Municipal Hall, 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA 19401, (610) 270-0450, for more information.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Only commercial or multi-family residential structures of more than six (6) units are eligible for grants. Please check the appropriate building type category.

_____ **Commercial Structure**

_____ **Residential Structure of more than six (6) units**

_____ **Commercial Use (ground floor) - Residential (upper floors)**

_____ **Number of Units**

_____ **Other - Describe** _____

It is important to stress that the project will be implemented on a first-come, first-serve basis. Returned applications will be given sequential numbers and processed accordingly, until the project budget has been obligated.

Please Note: Following a review of applications and acceptance into the program, property owners will be required to submit:

1. Copy of Deed
2. Evidence that Property Taxes have been paid
3. \$150 non-refundable check for architectural services

(The \$150 deposit will be applied to your matching funds when you proceed with renovations. If you do not proceed with the work, the deposit is *not* refundable.)

Please return completed applications to:

Municipality of Norristown
Department of Planning & Municipal Development
235 East Airy Street
Norristown, PA 19401

FOR MUNICIPAL USE ONLY:

Date Received _____ File # _____