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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.

ELIGIBLE 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 primary target location is 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. Additionally, if the property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places it would need to either be 50 years or older; historically or architecturally significant; or retains its architectural integrity and historic appearance. The program is open to all eligible properties within the Municipality.

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 project budgets exceeding \$10,000.00 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.