

Overview for 2024 Façade Grant Program

Hamilton County has announced the 2024 Façade Grant Program open to all municipalities and townships. The maximum amount any community will receive for funding is \$50,000. Since this is now a competitive grant with other communities, the terms are different than the 2023 program. Although Cheviot will not be able to apply for the grant until August 1, the County encourages our reaching out to business owners in July to complete a pre-application to determine interest.

The grant is expected to cover 60% of an approved project while the owner provides the remaining 40% for improvements. The maximum of the total cost of your project should not exceed \$10,000. However, if you're planning a larger improvement that includes this grant opportunity, indicate that on the Pre-Application.

If you would like to participate, please submit the **Pre-Application form by July 31** and email it along with photo(s) to both sbraun@cheviot.org and cstatkus@cheviot.org. Cheviot will make a formal grant request to the County in August and will need more information on your project at that time.

Eligible Funding: All awarded grant funds must be used for façade improvements that are visible to the public and the public right-of-way (such as streets and sidewalks). These include but are not limited to:

- Architectural, design, and related professional fees
- Labor, materials, and fixtures
- Rehabilitation of exterior facades to recover and / or preserve significant historical and architectural features of the structure
- Gutters and down spouts
- Doors and windows
- Exterior painting (including murals)
- Attached exterior lighting
- Siding and trim treatments including awnings and planter boxes
- Soffit and fascia
- Exterior lighting
- Storefront windows
- Signs that are integrated into the architecture of the building
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities
- Addition or repair of awnings or shade mechanisms affixed to the building
- Roofing blight improvements

Ineligible Funding:

- Interior modifications
- Parking lots and / or paving
- Landscaping
- Public sidewalks
- Painting unpainted brick
- Signage not affixed to the building