

SHARON/HERMITAGE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- Applications are now available for the Sharon/Hermitage Façade Improvement Program.
- Applications are due by April 30, 2024. If funds are available, additional rounds will open with deadlines of June 30, 2024 and August 30, 2024.
- Maximum grant amount is \$5,000 and a dollar-for-dollar match is required. Funding is on a reimbursement basis after the project is completed.
- All businesses within the City of Sharon are eligible to apply.
- Funding is for exterior, street facing projects only, such as signs; windows; doors; accessibility; exterior lighting; masonry, woodwork, metals, and architectural finishes; exterior cleaning/painting; awnings/canopies; gutters and downspouts; and professional design/architectural assistance for the project.
- The following are ineligible: landscaping; sidewalks, paving, and other general site improvements; work on outbuildings; interior work; any work started or completed before award notification.
- A 'Design Review Committee' will review applications and make awards based upon eligibility and scoring criteria.
- Funding is on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. Total funds available in Sharon are \$53,750 (this includes \$25,000 from Department of Community and Economic Development grant, \$25,000 from Community Development Block grant, and \$3,750 from First National Bank donation)
- Only one grant per Tax ID Parcel is available.
- For-profit and non-profit businesses may apply. Residential projects are ineligible.
- Applicants must seek three (3) independent written estimates from licensed contractors.
- Applicants in Sharon may also apply for Sharon Revolving Loan Funds to finance their project. More information about this loan program can be obtained by calling Suzanne Kepple, City of Sharon Community Development Block Grant Manager, at 724-983-3231.

- Questions about the Sharon and Hermitage Façade Improvement Program can be directed to Angie Urban, Executive Director of the Sharon Community Development Corporation, at 724-698-2466 or Angie@SharonCDC.org
- Applications for Sharon businesses can be found at <https://www.cityofsharon.net>
- All applications should be mailed or delivered to:

Sharon Municipal Building
Community Development Department
155 W. Connelly Boulevard
Sharon, PA 16146