



Façade Improvement Grant Program

Introduction

It is the intent of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce Design Committee to provide financial incentives to property owners and businesses to assist them in restoring and rehabilitating the storefronts of their property. Applicants must be Business Investors in good standing in the Waverly Chamber of Commerce organization.

Objectives

The primary objective of the Façade Improvement Grant Program is to revitalize properties in Waverly by preserving and restoring the existing buildings and storefronts.

Guidelines

The grant can equal but not exceed 50 percent of the total project cost. For 2026, total available grant funding is \$4,000. Multiple projects may be granted from this pool. The Design and Beautification Committee will carefully examine applications to determine which project(s) will most contribute to the overall design and quality of the community and award dollars accordingly.

The Façade Improvement Grant Program will provide technical assistance along with a grant to building owners that meet the following guidelines.

- The grant program will be administered by the Waverly Chamber of Commerce Design Committee. The Review Committee will determine eligibility and approve grant applications.
- Selection will be based upon the applicant's consistency with the goals of the Design and Beautification Committee and upon commitment to proceed with the improvements. **Preference will be given to applicants that show they have followed suggestions outlined in the Waverly Design Guidelines.**
- **Applicants must submit a Façade Improvement Grant Application, along with a brief project synopsis and budget, along with cost estimates from a contractor, detailing the work to be done.** Applications will be accepted until May 31st or until all funds are distributed.
- **Work is expected to be completed and bills submitted within six months of the grant award date.** A complete copy of bills from expenses relating to the project must be presented to the Review Committee before the grant money will be distributed. The amount of the grant may be adjusted if the actual cost is lower than the estimated cost. A final inspection of the project by the Design Review Committee will be conducted before the grant payment is issued. Any deviations from the approved application may disqualify the applicant.
- Recipient of any grant monies will be a current business investor who actively supports and/or participates in the programs and activities of Waverly Chamber of Commerce.
- Applicant has the opportunity to consult with Main Street Iowa's Design Consultants prior to beginning the restoration project if needed. These arrangements can be made through Waverly Chamber of Commerce.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

Signage & Awnings (addition or removal)
Tuck Pointing; Façade Cleaning
Replacement of Transom Glass
Removal of Aluminum "Slipcovers"
Window Repair/Replacement
Replacement of Architectural Detail
Rear Entrance Improvements & Signage

Examples of Ineligible Projects:

Roof Repairs; Interior Improvements
Electrical Work (except related to signage)
Installation of Inappropriate Materials
(aluminum siding, mansard roofs, etc.)
Sandblasting; Window Display (merchandising)



Façade Improvement Grant Application

Applicant's Name & Business: _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____
(Home) (Work)

Project Address _____

Does the applicant own the building? Yes _____ No _____

If no, who owns the building? _____

Building Owner's Contact Info _____

***On a separate piece of paper, please provide a detailed project description including proposed start and completion dates. Also, please submit bids, along with a project budget.**

Estimated Project Cost: _____ Funds Requested: _____

Were Design Guidelines utilized in the completion the project? _____

How did applicant hear about Façade Grant program: _____

It is understood that the Applicant will be a Business Investor in good standing and actively support and/or participate in the programs and activities of Waverly Chamber of Commerce.

The undersigned applicant affirms that the information submitted herein is true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) have read and understand the conditions of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce Façade Improvement Grant Program and agree to abide by its conditions and guidelines. I understand that preference will be given to applicants that show they have followed suggestions outlined in the community Design Guidelines.

Signature of Applicant Date

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Return application and any additional information by **May 31, 2026** to:
Façade Grant Committee • Waverly Chamber of Commerce • 118 E. Bremer Ave • Waverly, IA 50677

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