

Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Application Form: Beautification Projects Grant

This Grant has specific eligibility requirements. Please refer to the **Program Guidelines for the Beautification Projects Grant** for more information about the Grant. Applications must show how the proposal meets these requirements. Complete applications and questions can be directed to the Program at incentives@rmwb.ca.

Important Reminders:

- Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Applications will be accepted until 4:30 PM on April 30, 2023.
- Please review the **Program Guidelines** prior to applying.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Program to confirm eligibility prior to applying and to request a pre-application meeting.

Date of Application:	
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Subject Property Information					
Provide details about the property being improved.					
Building Address:					
	Street Address (include unit number(s), if applicable)				
	City, Province			Postal Code	
Legal Address ¹ :	Lot		Block		Plan
Existing Use:					
Prior Use (if vacant):					
Proposed Use:					

Applicant Information	
Provide details for the Applicant, who is the legal entity to whom the grant is paid, if successful.	
Applicant Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input style="margin-left: 150px;" type="checkbox"/> Tenant
Legal Entity Name ² :	
Director/Officer ³ :	
Phone:	
Email:	

Designated Contact Information	
Applicants may provide a Designated Contact for their application (e.g., Applicant's employee or consultant).	
Contact Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

¹. To find a legal address, visit: <http://internetapps.woodbuffalo.ab.ca/electronicpermitting/CivicTranslator.aspx>

². Provide the Legal Entity Name of Business or Organization applying for the grant, as it appears on the Corporate Search.

³. Provide the Director or Officer name as it appears on the Corporate Search.

1. Pre-application Meeting	Yes	No
1a. Have you participated in a pre-application meeting? A pre-application is strongly recommended to ensure projects meet basic eligibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Prior Participation	Yes	No
2a. Has this business received a Beautification Projects Grant previously? If you are unsure, please inquire to ensure funding is available for this project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Basic Eligibility <i>Please review questions carefully. Responses will determine your eligibility</i>	Yes	No
3a. Is the property within the geographic area of the Program? If no, property is ineligible for the Program. See Program Guidelines for area map.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3b. Is the building an existing commercial, institutional, or mixed-use (commercial portions only) building ? If no, building is ineligible for the Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3c. Does the business have a ground-level storefront? (i.e., an exterior entrance and/or window display at the street-level) If no, business is ineligible for the Program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3d. Are the property taxes overdue? If yes, property taxes must not be overdue at the time of reimbursement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3e. Are the property's municipal utility bills overdue? If yes, utility bills must not be overdue at the time of reimbursement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3f. Is the property subject to any enforcement orders (e.g., Stop Order, Bylaw infractions, etc.)? If yes, this must be resolved by time of reimbursement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3g. Is the applicant a party to a legal dispute with the Municipality? If yes, this must be resolved by time of reimbursement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3h. Did the building experience loss or damages as a result of the April 2020 flood event? If yes, please describe: <div style="background-color: #e0f0e0; height: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3i. If you selected 'yes' to 3h, is this project or work solely intended to restore or remediate losses or damages caused by the April 2020 flood event and/or return buildings to pre-flood conditions? If yes, project is ineligible. If no, please describe below how project constitutes an improvement. <div style="background-color: #e0f0e0; height: 100px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Project Information and Proposed Use of Funds

4a. Select all eligible work being undertaken as part of your business or storefront Beautification project

- Structures for storefront merchandise displays. For example, shelving, racks, models and platforms (**note:** displays must be placed adjacent to the window for the purpose of displaying merchandise for exterior viewing).
- Storefront treatments to window glass, including window artist graphics (note: this does not include full window vinyl wraps; graphics should be largely transparent)
- Storefront lighting, including temporary seasonal string lights
- Temporary artwork and installations displayed in the windows and/or storefronts
- Plants, planters, hanging baskets and similar items
- Bicycle racks and benches and similar seating
- Signage located on the building that meets the Land Use Bylaw.

4b. Provide a brief description of the proposed beautification improvement project

Attach additional pages or illustrations of the proposed scheme and/or product information, if necessary.

Example: Please ensure descriptions, contractor estimates or budgets, and proposal drawings are consistent.

Example: Supply and install five hanging baskets and one wooden bench.

Example: 5 hanging baskets at intervals along business frontage and bench to left of main entrance on Manning Avenue.

4c. Do any of the proposed improvements extend on/above municipal land?

If yes, please describe the location and amount (in metres) of development on or above municipal land. Additional authorizations may be required. Inquiries sent to incentives@rmwb.ca will be referred to the Land Administration Branch (Planning).

4d. Does the project include new window treatments?

Yes No

As per the Program Policy, projects that include window treatments that obscure street-level windows and doors or entrances are not eligible. Exceptions may be made for Restricted Commercial uses and other uses, at the discretion of the Municipality. If 'yes', please describe why these treatments are necessary. note that vinyl wraps, security bars and rolling shutters are ineligible expenses.

4e. Which of the Program objectives will this project help achieve? (select all that apply)

- To retain existing businesses, while encouraging new businesses in the Downtown.
- To introduce new features and amenities that create interest, improve accessibility, enhance safety, and increase vibrancy, helping transform the Downtown into a place where people want to spend time.
- To enhance the aesthetic qualities of private buildings and Property to improve the character and quality of the Downtown.
- To leverage public funding to catalyze private investment in the Downtown.

4f. Construction start and end dates	
Estimated start date:	
Estimated completion date:	
4g. Employment Information	
Please indicate the number of employees employed by the business at this location. If the project will impact multiple businesses (for example, a façade improvement project), or if the project space is currently vacant, write "Not applicable".	
Number of current employees:	
Number of proposed employees:	

5. Grant Funding Request	
5a. Project Cost and Grant Request	
Please note that only the cost of eligible improvements will be reimbursed. Reimbursement is based on the contractor estimate or project budget provided, and/or final invoice (if lower). Estimates must list expenses so that eligibility can be verified. All grants are provided in the form of a 50% matching reimbursement grant (eligible costs only), to the maximum for each grant type.	
Total estimated project cost:	

5. Application Checklist⁴	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preconstruction Photos – Photos must show the current site and its context (JPEG or similar image file).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Title⁵ – Must be issued within the last 45 days . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For projects in condominiums, please also provide a Registered Change of Directors List, and a Condominium Plan Sheet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Search⁵ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For the applicant <input type="checkbox"/> For the property owner (if applicant is not the property owner)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Authorization – Please have property owner complete Attachment 1 , if applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Cost – One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor Estimates – One (1) detailed contractor estimate. <input type="checkbox"/> Project Budget – Applicants who directly purchase materials and supplies for their projects may submit a budget with product information (no labour costs).
<p>Submissions must include all checklist items.</p> <p>Incomplete applications will not be referred for review.</p>	

4. For 'Hotels' and 'Apartment and Extended Stay Hotels', additional information may be required to ensure that the building is eligible as a commercial building.

5. Certificates of Title and Corporate Searches can be obtained from an Alberta Registry office. For more information, visit <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/find-a-registry-agent.cfm>.

Applicant Declaration

In making this application, I/we undersigned, confirm:

- that the information provided in this application is truthful and accurate;
- that I/we have read the **Program Guidelines for the Beautification Projects Grant**;
- that I/we understand that costs associated with flood restoration work is ineligible;
- that I/we understand that when reimbursement is requested, the following requirements must be met: the property taxes and municipal utility bills must not be overdue, the property must not be subject to an unresolved enforcement order, the applicant is not a party to an unresolved legal dispute with the Municipality, and the terms and conditions of the agreement must be satisfied; and
- that I/we understand that all information and records provided to the Municipality in respect of this grant application are records in the custody and control of the Municipality. These records may be subject to the access and privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Alberta) and other legislation, whether currently in force or enacted in the future. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act gives any person a right of access to records in the custody or control of the Municipality, subject to limited and specific exceptions. While the Municipality will endeavor to use the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to protect the confidentiality of information provided to us during this application process, other sections of the Act may apply and the information may have to be disclosed to members of the public who request access to these records. The Municipality hereby reserves the right to disclose publicly and/or to any enquirer the grant amount received by any applicant/beneficiary through this grant program.

Applicant Signature(s)

Only Applicants who are named on a Corporate Search for the Legal Entity Name may sign this page.

Applicant Name	Applicant Title	Signature	Date

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The personal information will be used to process your application, administer the Program and as contact information. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact incentives@rmwb.ca.