

LANCASTER CITY ALLIANCE

Lancaster City Alliance (LCA) is a nonprofit organization working to ensure Lancaster is a clean, safe, and vibrant city for all.

We proudly spearhead and oversee the Façade Improvement Grant Program as part of our commitment to strengthening neighborhoods, supporting small businesses, and preserving Lancaster's unique architectural heritage.

This program is in alignment with The City of Lancaster's Economic Development Strategic Plan "Building on Strength," which is managed by Lancaster City Alliance.

Read more about our mission at LancasterCityAlliance.Org



After: 43 S Prince St.

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Repair.
Refresh. ”

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 Historic Preservation Trust
Of Lancaster County

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GRANT PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- ✓ **126** IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS COMPLETED
- ✓ **\$1.3 MILLION** IN GRANTS
AWARDED SINCE 2019
- ✓ **\$2 MILLION** IN IMPROVEMENTS
LEVERAGED SINCE 2019

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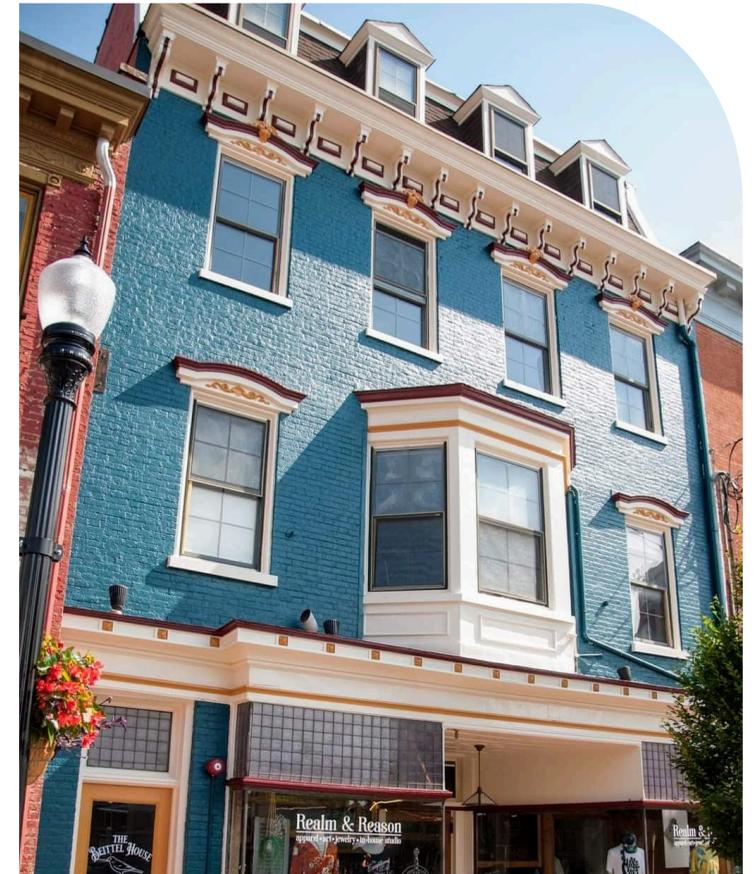
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FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Revitalizing Neighborhoods.
Supporting Small Businesses.
Preserving Lancaster's Character.

www.LancasterCityAlliance.org



After: 213 W King St.



Before: 602 St. Joseph St.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Façade Improvement Grant Program supports property owners in key commercial corridors with financial assistance for exterior improvements. Whether you're restoring a historic storefront or revitalizing a residential property, this grant can help you make a lasting impact on your neighborhood—and inspire community pride in the process.

Matching Requirements:

- Standard: 1:1 match required. Example: If the total project cost is \$17,000 and the property is approved for a \$5,000 grant, Lancaster City Alliance (LCA) will contribute \$5,000. The property owner is responsible for matching the grant with \$5,000. Any additional costs beyond the total are the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- Only 10% match required for qualifying low-to-moderate income homeowners (≤80% of Lancaster County AMI, verified via tax return)

GUIDELINES

- The property must be located within one of nine targeted commercial hubs or corridors. Scan here to see if your property is within a designated improvement area.
- Project improvements must be visible from the public right-of-way and street-facing.
- All improvements must be historically appropriate and make a noticeable impact on the streetscape.
- All projects must comply with City of Lancaster building permit procedures, zoning regulations and Historic Architecture Review Board guidelines.

AWARD AMOUNTS

- Up to \$5,000 per property
- Up to \$10,000 for corner properties

ELIGIBLE PROJECT WORK

Funding can be used for exterior improvements that enhance historic character, safety, and curb appeal.

- Period-appropriate replacement of doors, windows, sashes, framing
- Restoration of architectural or historic details
- Repair or replacement of porches, columns, steps, railings
- Exterior cleaning or repainting
- Brick repointing or Formstone removal
- Architecturally compatible lighting installation
- Street tree planting (approved by City Arborist)
- Storefront restoration and rehabilitation
- Architectural design costs related to storefront work
- Repair, replacement or removal of awnings
- Gutter and downspout system upgrades
- Roofing repairs (if visible from the street)

DISBURSEMENT & OVERSIGHT

Lancaster City Alliance collects matching funds and pays contractors directly.

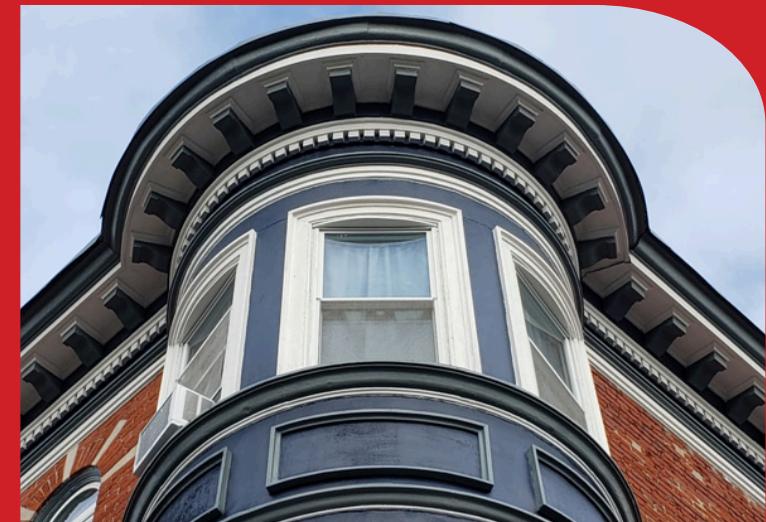
CODE COMPLIANCE

All projects must comply with City of Lancaster [building permit procedures and zoning regulations](#) and Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) guidelines (if applicable).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Our team is here to support you every step of the way—not only with grant funding, but also with -

- Selecting historically appropriate paint colors.
- Navigating permits and approvals.
- Connecting you with trusted local contractors.
- Providing professional guidance on signage, lighting, windows, doors, and more.



After: 401 W. King St.