

LANCASTER CITY ALLIANCE

Lancaster City Alliance 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.

“ Restore.
Repair.
Refresh. ”

PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE:

 Historic Preservation Trust
Of Lancaster County

2023 C. EMLLEN URBAN
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AWARD

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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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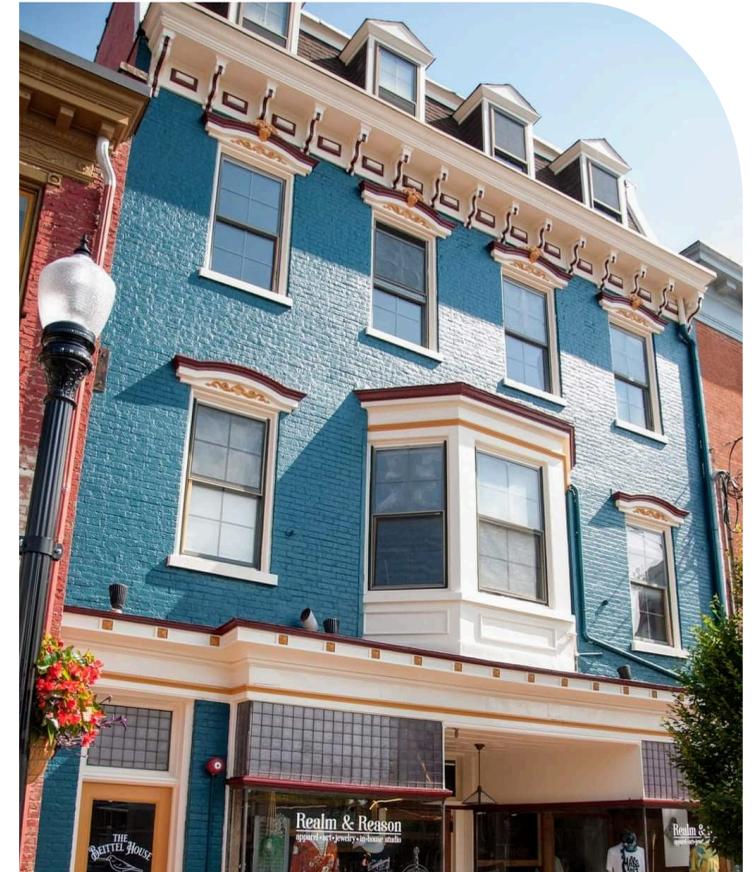
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FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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

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After: 213 W King St.



Before: 602 St. Joseph St.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Façade Improvement Grant Program provides property owners in key commercial corridors and partner-supported neighborhoods, such as SoWe, with financial assistance for exterior improvements.

Whether restoring a historic storefront or revitalizing a home's exterior, the program helps enhance architectural character, strengthen neighborhood identity and pride, and improve the overall streetscape.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

1:1 matching contribution is required, and funds must be collected by Lancaster City Alliance before approved work begins.

- Example: For a \$5,000 grant award on a \$10,000 project, the property owner contributes \$5,000.
- Any project costs exceeding the approved grant amount are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only 10% match required for qualifying low-to-moderate income homeowners (≤80% of Lancaster County AMI, verified via most recent federal tax return)

GUIDELINES

- Properties must be located within designated commercial hubs, corridors or partner-supported neighborhoods.
- All improvements must be historically appropriate; street facing and contribute positively to the streetscape.
- Projects must comply with City of Lancaster building codes permitting processes, zoning regulations, and Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) guidelines, if applicable.
- Grant funds may only be used for approved exterior improvements.
- Lancaster City Alliance works with property owners to ensure projects meet program standards and regulatory requirements.

AWARD AMOUNTS

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

Grant awards are provided as a matching contribution toward eligible exterior improvements.

Award amounts are determined based on project scope, impact, and alignment with program goals and additional funds may be available to support high-impact projects at the discretion of Lancaster City Alliance.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Lancaster City Alliance oversees approved projects and coordinates payment of grant funds.

- Matching funds are collected prior to commencement of work.
- Grant funds are paid directly to contractors or reimbursed to the property owner upon project completion, based on preference of property owner.
- All work must be completed as approved as per grant agreement.

ELIGIBLE WORK

Structural & Restoration

- Doors, windows, and framing
- Porches, columns, steps, railings, and storefront elements
- Brick repointing and masonry repair

Finishes & Appearance

- Exterior cleaning and repainting (historic colors required)
- Architectural or historic detail restoration
- Awning repair, replacement, or removal

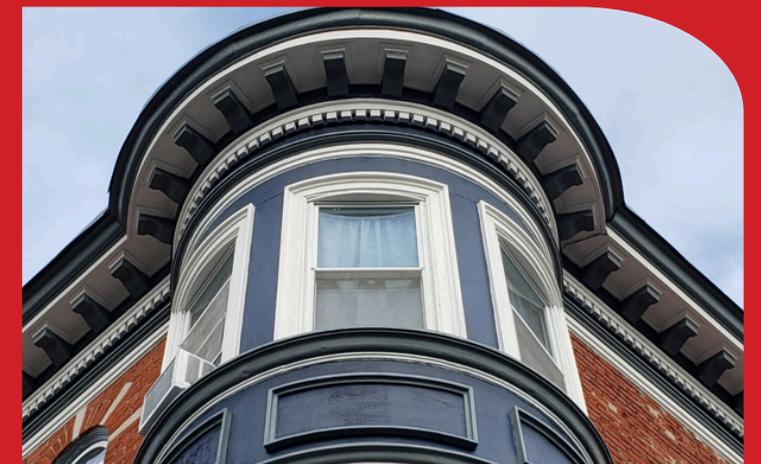
Lighting, Access & Streetscape

- Architectural and entry lighting
- Storefront rehabilitation and accessibility improvements
- Gutter and downspout repair or upgrades
- Streetscape elements (trees, fencing, gates)

PROJECT SUPPORT

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.