

APPLICATION

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PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME

TENANT'S NAME

BUSINESS NAME

BUSINESS ADDRESS & ZIP CODE

TENANT'S PHONE

EMAIL

Please attach the following to this application:

1. Before-photographs of the storefront.
2. Written specifications outlining the scope of the work and time-frame of completion.
3. Sketch or scaled drawings showing the renovation.
4. All paint colors samples and awning fabrics to be used, if applicable.
5. Copy of quote or budget from licensed contractor;
6. Copy of contractor's business license or license number;
7. Copy of appropriate permits for improvements.
8. Written permission from the property owner, if applicable.

\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Project Cost	Amount Requested

_____ Applicant's Signature	_____ Date
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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE NOT BE PROCESSED.

Procedure for Receiving Rebate

Applications must be submitted to the Southeast Chicago Chamber before any work is performed.

Applications are considered in the order they are received until all the façade funding is disbursed for the fiscal year. If the number of applications exceeds funding, a lottery will be held to determine which projects to fund, and a wait list for funding *may* become available.

1. Subject to some type of formal design review and approval, a pre-application consultation with the Southeast Chicago Chamber is required.
2. Commercial property owner or tenant submits a completed rebate application along with relevant supporting documents to the Chamber. The package must be complete to qualify.
3. Funded projects should be completed within the year of approval.
4. Provide proof of payment (receipts, paid invoices) for all eligible enhancements within 30 days of project completion.
5. This is a rebate program. Once the applicant has completed improvements based on specifications on application, and if approved by Commission, a rebate check will be disbursed.

Submitting a grant application does not guarantee funds will be awarded.



Façade Enhancement Rebate Program



A community development program sponsored by Special Service Area #50 for the restoration and preservation of Calumet Heights-Avalon Park. For answers to your questions or to apply for the Façade Enhancement Rebate Program, contact:
 Southeast Chicago Chamber of Commerce
 8334 South Stony Island Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois 60617
 773-734-0626
www.southeastchgochamber.org



The Program

Purpose

This program is made possible by Special Service Area #50. The Façade Enhancement Rebate Program provides assistance and support services, which empower business owners with the resources necessary to renovate the façade of their storefronts.

Enhancing the appearance of building façades serves to improve the economic vitality of the area. Better aesthetics increase property values, improve the marketability of space and contribute to a better quality of life.

Participants in this program will serve as quality examples of how to preserve the architectural character that is unique to Calumet Heights and Avalon Park.

Eligibility

1. Any commercial property owner, business owner or tenant of a commercial building located within SSA #50 boundary can apply.
2. Owner or tenant may request the rebate. However, tenant must submit the owner's written permission with their request.
3. Business owner must have a valid business license.
4. Property must be free of liens, excluding any mortgage.



Examples of Eligible Projects

Simple changes such as removing non-historic elements from building, repairing old materials, or adding a fresh coat of paint to the building's exterior signals positive change and attracts new businesses and shoppers to the community. Some other examples of eligible projects are:

- ✦ Repair or replace windows and/or doors with compatible materials and design.
- ✦ Pedestrian-friendly enhancements like special paving, ramps and rails.
- ✦ Installation or repair of awnings or canopies, and signage to the curb-side of the building.
- ✦ Brick tuck-pointing, masonry repair and/or brick cleaning.
- ✦ Security shutters and lighting installed to front of building.

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Guidelines

1. Proposals must conform to all applicable zoning, building codes and other City regulations, and will be evaluated in terms of compliance with existing ordinances, scale, size, and context with the surrounding environment.
2. Rehabilitation of a structure in the designated area should be considered a solution which respects and enhances the integrity of the building, and the impact on the district.
3. All projects must be completed within the fiscal year the application is approved. If improvements have not been done by that date, funds may be rescinded. You may request in writing an extension for up to 120 days.
4. Properties that received a SBIF grant in the last 3 years or currently in the SBIF program are ineligible.
5. If the same façade project already received funding from a different grant or incentive program, it is ineligible for additional funding through the Façade Rebate Program.
6. No property owner or business owners can receive more than one grant in three calendar years from disbursement of the original grant.
7. Façade grants may only be used to finance exterior, curb-side improvements.
8. A maximum grant of \$5,000 per façade design is awarded, and 50% or up to \$500 max. is awarded for digital facelift.

Application Deadline July 31st!

