



City of Sesser



Façade Improvement
Grant Program



Application and Agreement

The following includes the Façade Improvement Program Description, Grant Application, and Agreement.



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Sesser Façade Improvement Grant Program

The Façade Improvement Grant Program provides financial assistance to property owners or tenants seeking to renovate or restore commercial building exteriors. This program is intended to enhance Sesser and achieve overall community beautification through the improvement of the physical appearances of businesses. Through this program the City hopes to make a positive statement about the business climate to the community, visitors, as well as existing and potential business tenants. Grant funds are made available through the TIF fund which is administered by the City.

Goal of the Program

The goal of the program is to preserve historic facades, achieve quality façade improvement, and encourage economic investment within the main commercial corridor of Sesser (See Eligible Property Map). The City of Sesser believes that by providing incentives to spur preservation, revitalization and reinvestment in structures within this area, it will create a more attractive thoroughfare as well as greatly complement the economic development goals of the City.

Program Description/Grant Terms

This physical improvement grant provides a matching grant for facades. Grants under this program shall not exceed \$2,500 per building (unless otherwise approved by the City Council). The applicant is expected to match or exceed any awarded program funding through contribution of his or her own capital to the total project cost. (Example: If grant award is \$2,500 then applicant would also have to spend at least \$2,500 for a total project cost of \$5,000) Grant monies will be distributed after a project is complete and the following documentation has been submitted:

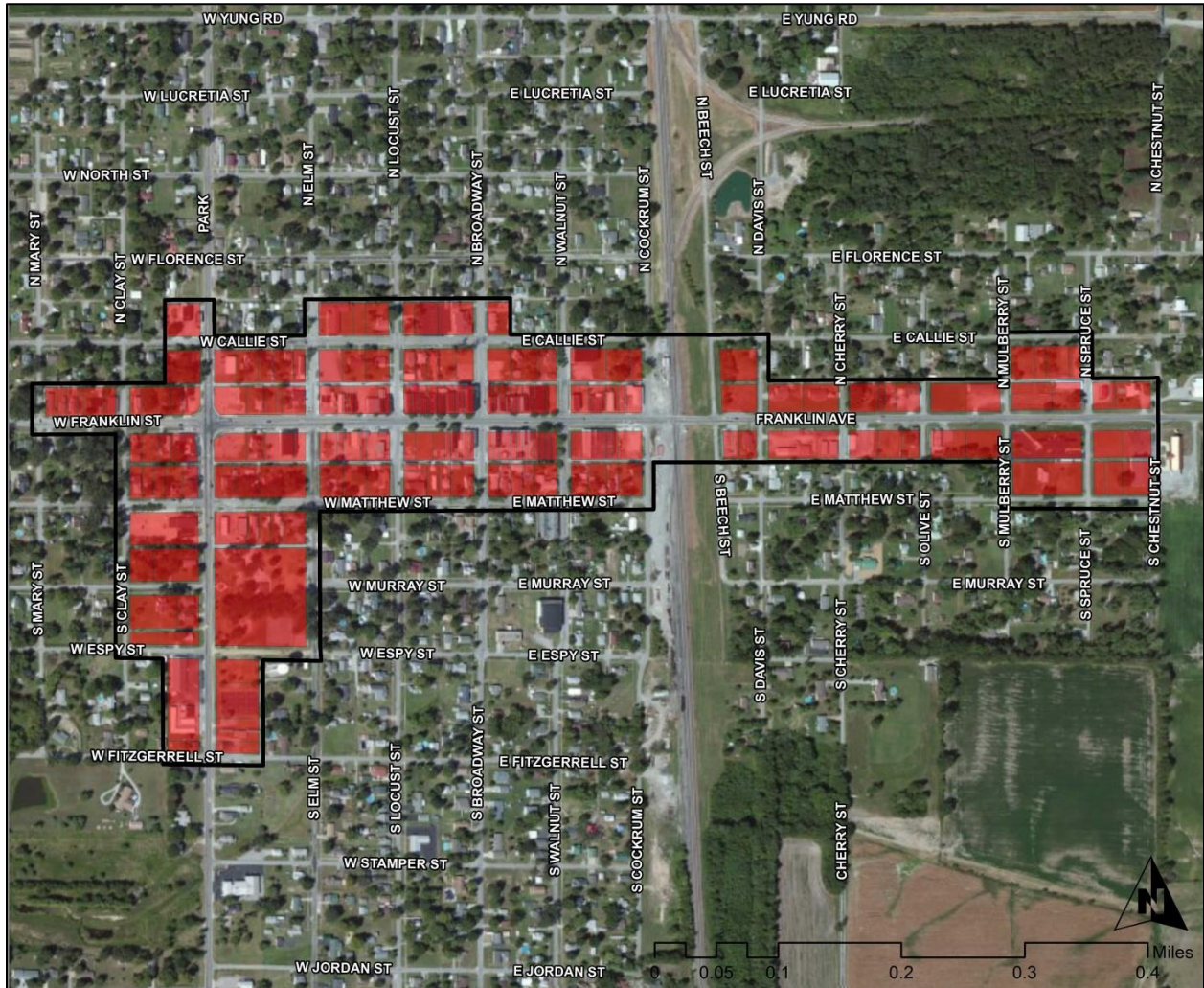
- a.) Photos showing completed work.
- b.) All invoices and receipts validating project costs.

All improvements must be initiated within 3 months and completed within 6 months of grant approval date. If the applicant has not met these requirements, the City of Sesser will re-evaluate the status of the project. At its discretion, the City reserves the right to cancel or extend the funding commitment.

Eligible Applicants and Properties

Façade grant money shall only be used for exterior repairs and renovations on commercial storefronts and facades which front on public streets, alleys or parking areas. Property owners or tenants of commercial property are eligible to apply. In the case where the tenant is the applicant, the permission of the property owner is required. All taxable commercial properties located within the Sesser TIF District are eligible for this program. Publicly owned buildings and residential homes or apartment buildings will not be eligible. Properties will not be eligible if any

property assessments or property taxes are not paid to date. The applicant must obtain all necessary permits and inspections, and pay any corresponding fees.



The City of Sesser reserves the right to determine the eligibility of all items in a project's scope of work. Eligible items include, but are not limited to:

- Façade rehabilitation
- Storefront repair or rehabilitation
- Door and window repair/replacement
- Exterior Painting
- Awnings
- Lighting
- Tuck pointing and masonry repair

Other items that are viewed as necessary or complimentary to the properties exterior renovation as accepted by the City of Sesser

(*Ineligible expenses: roofing repairs, construction of all new buildings, purchase of property or buildings; improvements not approved by the City of Sesser.)

Budget Allowance for 2016

The City has set aside \$25,000 for the program.

Application Submittal

To be formally considered for a grant request, an application must be completed and submitted to the Mayor's Office located at City Hall.

Application Review

The City of Sesser's decision to accept an application will be based on available funds, the merits of the proposed project, and the support it provides to the general beautification of Sesser.

CITY OF SESSER

Façade Improvement Grant Application

Please completely fill out this application and return it to the City of Sesser with the items listed in the checklist on the following.

Applicant Information	Name	Phone
	Mailing Address	Fax
	Email	Federal Tax ID#

Property Information	Address for building for which grant is sought:	
	Property Identification Number(s)	Phone

Proposed Improvement(s) - Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Brick Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Doors	<input type="checkbox"/> Streetscape Elements
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuck Pointing	<input type="checkbox"/> Windows and Window Frames	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Shutters and Awnings	<input type="checkbox"/> Stairs, Porches, Railings
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall Façade Repair & Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Roofs visible from the Street
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Architectural Features (repair or replacement)	<input type="checkbox"/> Signage Repair or Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> Improvements for ADA compliance

Other proposed façade improvements (please specify)

Please describe the scope of the proposed project below (include a summary of the building's current condition, areas to be improved and how, as well as any proposed materials or colors).

I agree to comply with the guidelines and standards of the City of Sesser Façade Improvement Program and I understand that this is a voluntary program, under which the City has the right to approve or deny any project or proposal or portions thereof.

Applicant(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Building Owner's Signature _____ Date _____
(if separate from applicant)