

# Façade Improvement Grant Toolkit



In partnership with the City of Oil City, the Oil City Main Street Program (OCMS) offers a **Façade Improvement Grant Program** which provides reimbursable, 50/50 matching grants of up to \$5,000 for exterior storefront improvements on eligible buildings located within the [Oil City Main Street District](#). Eligible projects include awnings & canopies, signage, windows & doors, cleaning & painting, restoration of masonry, woodwork & metals, lighting, and professional design assistance. Funding for this grant program is provided by Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Projects must be pre-approved and completed within 120 days of final approval. Applications will be accepted on a monthly basis from July 2020 through spring 2023 unless funds are depleted sooner. **Before beginning the application process, interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Oil City Main Street Program to discuss their project ideas first.**

Learn more in this [Informational Brochure](#)... and find examples of past projects in our [Project Spotlight](#)!

## 2020-2023 Façade Grant Application Packet:

[2020-2023 Grant Guidelines](#) – read before you apply!

[Façade Grant Application Form](#) – complete & submit with required documentation

[Reimbursement Request Form](#) (due after project is complete and paid in full)

## Please also review these resources:

[OCMS Color Palettes](#) (optional/inspiration for painting/awning projects; other color schemes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Limited quantities of color chips are available by request at the Oil City Main Street office.)

[Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation:](#) (or [click here for a printable pdf](#))

[Anatomy of a Main Street Building](#)

List of [Preservation Briefs](#) on specific topics (limited quantities of printed versions are available by request at the Oil Region Alliance Office.)

## Contact and Submit Completed Applications To:

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