

City of Anna TIF District Building Improvement Grant Program

Program Goal

The Building Improvement Grant Program provides financial assistance to property owners seeking to renovate or restore commercial buildings. This program is intended to enhance the functionality and aesthetic appeal of existing buildings in Anna, as well as achieve overall community beautification through the improvement of storefronts and individual building assets. Through this program the City of Anna hopes to make a positive statement about the Anna business climate to the community and visitors. Building Improvement Grant funds are made available through the TIF Fund which is administered by the City of Anna.

Eligible Applicants and Properties

Building Improvement grant funds shall only be used for repairs and renovations on commercial buildings which front on public streets, alleys or parking areas within the area of the City of Anna TIF District. Property owners of commercial property are eligible to apply. All taxable commercial properties including mixed use building (commercial on 1st floor and residential above) are eligible for this program provided they are in the designated area. Residential homes and tax-exempt properties will not be considered unless special circumstances exist as determined and approved by the Anna City Council. Properties will not be eligible if any property assessments, property taxes or other monies are owed to the City by the owners of the property. The applicant must obtain all necessary permits and inspections, and pay any corresponding fees. Multiple parcels or addresses may in fact be considered one project.

Prior to the performance of any work, an applicant must:

1. Submit a completed City of Anna Building Improvement Grant Application and Grant Agreement.
2. Receive written approval from the Anna City Council for grant participation.

Eligible Items

The City of Anna 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 and Storefront Rehabilitation
- Tuck Pointing and Masonry Repair
- Roof Replacement
- Door and Window Replacement
- Heating and Cooling Replacement
- Plumbing Replacement

- Other items that are viewed as necessary for the structural integrity of the building, as accepted by the City of Anna in their own discretion.

(*Ineligible expenses: purchase of property or buildings, construction of new buildings, improvements not approved by the City of Anna.)

In addition, the City of Anna reserves the right to determine the eligibility of all labor and time costs submitted. The City of Anna will not reimburse funds for the applicant's time spent on the project.

Anna Building Improvement Grant Terms

This grant opportunity provides funding for up to 50% of the eligible costs incurred for approved building improvement projects. Grants under this program shall be at a minimum of \$500 and shall not exceed \$8,000 per building (unless otherwise approved by the Anna City Council). A project with a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$16,000 in eligible costs would be eligible for a maximum of \$8,000 in grant funding.

Budget Allowance for the 2027 Fiscal Year

The City of Anna has budgeted \$ 24,000.00 for this program.

Application Submittal

To be formally considered for a grant request, an application and grant agreement must be completed and submitted to the TIF Administrator's Office located inside City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906.

Application Review

The City of Anna's decision to accept or approve an application will be based on available funds, the merits of the proposed project and its alignment with the goals and objectives of the program.

Grant funds will be distributed only after a project is fully complete, all invoices, receipts and other proof of costs incurred has been submitted and reviewed, and the project has received written approval stating satisfaction with the work performed in accordance with the application and grant program agreement.