



## City of Barnesville Downtown Historic District Façade Grant Program



The Barnesville Downtown Historic District Façade Grant Program is funded by the City of Barnesville and is administered by the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee.

Monies available are for exterior improvements only and may be applied to a front, side or rear façade provided the façade faces a public street or parking area. The amount of the grant will be determined by the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee based on the funds available and number of requests under consideration.

The money is in the form of a grant, not a loan. First time façade improvements under this program are eligible for 50% match with a maximum of \$2,000 per storefront. Previous grant recipients whose project was completed within the last 5 years are eligible for 25% match, maximum of \$2,000 per storefront. Previous projects completed five years old or older are eligible for full Façade Grant Funding.

Work on the rehab project must begin within 90 days after approval by the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee. The grant will be paid to the recipient after work is completed and all bills relating to said work are paid, as per agreement with the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee.

Refer to the Façade Grant Downtown Historic Commercial District Map for eligible properties.

The Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee shall consist of 3 preservation minded citizens appointed by the Mayor and the City Community Development Coordinator.

Project must be approved by the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee BEFORE work begins. Request is subject to denial if this procedure is not followed. Grant money will be paid upon completion of the project once proper documentation is submitted to the Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee.

NOTE: Façade grants only apply to those structures within the Downtown Historic Commercial District boundaries, with priority given to buildings with inappropriately applied facades that cover windows, are unsightly, are out of scale and are in need of general repair work.

### Façade Incentive Grant Criteria

1. Applicant's property must be located in the appropriate Downtown Historic Commercial District.
2. Historic/architecturally significant buildings will be given priority.
3. Visually prominent and economically blighted buildings will be given priority.

### Guidelines for Façade Improvements

1. The Barnesville Historic Preservation Committee utilizes the Secretary of Interior Standards and the Downtown Barnesville Design Guidelines as a guide when making recommendations.
2. Planned improvements must preserve the architectural integrity of the building and restore, when possible, the historic appearance of the façade.
3. Colors should be harmonious with neighboring structures.
4. The surface cleaning of structures must be by the gentlest methods available. Inappropriate chemical cleaners should be avoided due to possible damage of aged building components. Sandblasting is NOT an approved method of cleaning.
5. The size, color and shape of the sign should complement the building and add to the historic flavor of the area. All signage must comply with local sign ordinances.
6. Awnings and signs are included as eligible components when part of a façade rehabilitation improvement. They are not eligible as a stand-alone project.