

Business Façade Architectural Design (BFA) Grant

Grant Available from EDA

The St. Joseph Business District Façade Architectural Design Grant Program provides an incentive to stimulate visible (re)investment in St. Joseph businesses. The program provides a matching grant for actual design and construction costs, up to \$1,000 per property address.

Qualifying projects must be of an approved design, be applied for by commercial property owners and/or merchants, and be applicable to exterior building improvement, landscape improvements, and other similar improvements visible from a public right-of-way.

Approved projects are funded on a first-come/first-served basis until all funds are expended. Property owners must submit invoices with reimbursement following documented expenses.

Property owners are encouraged to consider improvements that incorporate the surrounding community including but not limited to aesthetics, environment, cultural and historic elements, and architecture. These improvements should create a cohesive, inviting environment.

Past BFA Projects

- Bello Cucina
- Chiropractic Connection
- Closet 2 Closet
- Cone Castle
- Floral Arts, Inc.
- Kay's Kitchen
- Local Blend
- Minnesota Street Market
- Russell Eyecare & Associates
- Scenic Specialties
- Silver's Equestrian Outfitters
- St. Joe Meat Market
- W. Gohman Construction

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PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

1. All work must be done on the exterior of the building/property and/or result in a publicly visible improvement.
2. All work done must be in accordance with the City of St. Joseph Code of Ordinances, the Downtown Revitalization Plan and subsequent design guidelines, and the building code. All required permits must be obtained. Work shall include the correction of any known exterior building code violations.
3. Work in progress or performed prior to project approval will typically not be eligible for funding unless the EDA finds significant underlying purposes for work beginning prior to project approval.
4. Funds may be used for the design of exterior building improvements, awnings, windows, doors and/or site landscaping resulting in a publicly visible improvement and for actual construction costs related to an approved improvement. Other uses may also be eligible if prior approval is granted by the St. Joseph Economic Development Authority.
5. Signs are eligible for this program but must be in connection with a façade improvement project.