



Attention Small Businesses:

\$2,500 Façade Grant Application

Three Chamber members will receive this grant to help grow their business!

Deadline: April 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.



Applications must be typed and emailed to ceo@jcchamber.com.

Review this application and its guidelines in its entirety. You will receive a confirmation email when you submit your application. If you do not receive this confirmation within a week of sending your application, please contact the Chamber.

What is the Façade Grant Program?

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Façade Grant Program was developed to encourage existing property owners and tenants to upgrade the facades of buildings facing public streets. The objective of this program is to improve the overall appearance of the community in an effort to make it more appealing to consumers and potential investors. Nationwide, other cities have used this grant program with proven success that has resulted in significantly increased business revenues, increased property values and renewed civic pride. The grants will be in an amount of \$2,500.

The purpose of this program guideline is to establish a uniform system to be used in the implementation of the Façade Grant Program administered through the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. These guidelines are not intended to supersede any federal or state regulations. Federal and/or state rule shall prevail in the event of any conflicts relating to the guidelines contained within.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

- Active Members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with under 50 employees can apply. You must have no outstanding balances and have paid for a full year of membership.
- Applicants must be property owners or tenants operating retail businesses, restaurants, service establishments or offices. If you are not the owner, you must request a Façade Easement form from the Chamber, notarized and signed by the owner of the building.
- Properties must be up-to-date on all city taxes (including property tax and the City's Business License) prior to participation in the program.
- Applicants must comply with all state and local laws and regulations pertaining to licensing and permits.

To apply, review the guidelines below and submit your application electronically. You must provide all requested information to be eligible. You may attach extra documentation to your email(s).

Guidelines

1. A Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Façade Grant application must be completed and submitted to the Chamber electronically.
2. Applications should be typed and emailed to ceo@jcchamber.com. You will receive a delivery confirmation. Contact the Chamber within a week if you have not received this.
3. Application for the grant gives permission for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff or a designee to visit the business for evaluation.
4. The decisions of the judging committee will be final.
5. As a condition of the grant award, Recipient will photograph or film its business before and after the project is completed, for the purpose of documenting the grant expenditures. Recipient further agrees that Recipient will not be compensated for this photography or film and that it may be used without restriction to promote the grant program.
6. To be eligible for the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Façade Grant Program, applicants must be an active member of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with under 50 employees.
7. Submitting to the Façade Grant Program means that you comply with the Façade Grant Program Policy (see below). If you have any questions on this, please contact the Chamber at 228-762-3391.

Façade Grant Program Policy

The Jackson County Chamber will review and determine eligibility of all applications. Grants are awarded at the discretion of the judges. The Chamber must approve all applications, and it must conform to established guidelines. If approved, applicants understand that all work performed is subject to development standards, building and property codes, and permit requirements.

Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Chamber, its successors and assigns from and against any and all third party claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses arising out of or related to Recipient's use of the grant funds and any other obligations and representations under this Agreement.

By submitting this application, applicants certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of the applicant's knowledge. Applicants are aware that information will be kept confidential. The selection will be final when announced, and the selection of the grant recipients is at the sole discretion of the judging committee.

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Façade Grant Program Application Questions

**DEADLINE: NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER APRIL 7, 2017, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Answer these questions in a Word or PDF document with any necessary attachments to ceo@jcchamber.com.

1. Applicant Information

- Today's Date
- Name of Applicant(s)
- Business Name
- Physical Address (City, State, Zip Code)
- Mailing Address (City, State, Zip Code)
- Telephone Number of Applicant
- Email Address for Main Contact

2. Desired Façade Improvements

Please note your desired façade improvement(s). Some examples include:

- Overall Cleaning
- Awnings/Canopies
- Signs
- Lighting
- Ornamental Elements (i.e. - shutters)
- Painting
- General Maintenance (i.e. – glass replacement, caulking, etc.)
- Wall Material

3. Describe your desired improvements.

You must include your estimated total project budget. Describe the desired improvements in as much detail as possible. (Photographs, sketches and additional pages may be attached.)

Upon Submission

- Submitting an application means that you adhere to Façade Grant Program Policy (Page 3). Contact the Chamber with any questions.
- You will receive a delivery confirmation. Contact the Chamber within a week if you have not received this.