

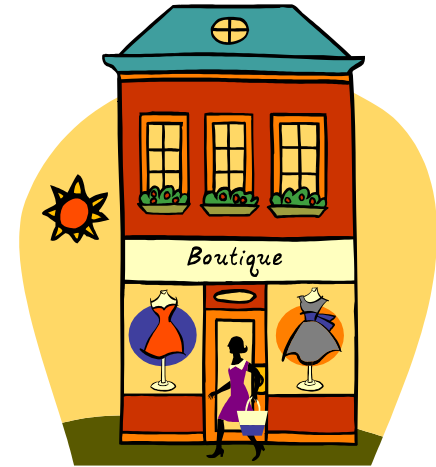
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For additional information regarding the City of Sparta Small Business Façade Program contact:

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Per Chapter 20 of the City of Sparta Ordinances, approval of exterior improvements within the Historic District must be approved by the Historic Preservation

All improvements must be done by licensed and City of Sparta registered contractors.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The City of Sparta is offering a program for façade renovation to City of Sparta buildings. Business owners with 10 or less employees would qualify for the program. The program is administered by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) office and the Community Development and Block Grant Commission (CDBG). The purpose of the loan program is to provide no interest loans to property owners for exterior improvements to commercial buildings in the City of Sparta.

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City of Sparta Small Business Façade Program 2023

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for a Small Business Façade Program loan, an applicant must be the owner of the dwelling or on a land contract/lease agreement and the business is to have 10 employees or less [owner(s) are considered in this total].

LOAN AMOUNTS:

Façade loans of \$15,000 or less will be serviced directly through the City of Sparta as approved by the Block Grant Committee. The interest rate will be 0% with no payments. The loan is due in full upon the transfer of ownership of the property.

ELIGIBLE WORK ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ Exterior improvements only
- ▶ Front or rear facades and visible sides

- ▶ Projects which provide accessibility for handicapped persons (exterior only)
- ▶ Projects which eliminate health hazards and code violations (exterior only)
- ▶ Signs
- ▶ Roofing projects

INELIGIBLE WORK ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ Any interior improvements

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- ▶ A mortgage shall be issued against the property in the amount of the loan and a personal guarantee.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- ▶ Contact the CDBG office at (608) 269-4340 Ext. 5163 to obtain an application. Applications can also

be found on our website at spartawisconsin.org.

Buildings located in the Historic District in downtown Sparta will need prior approval from the Historic Preservation committee.

- ▶ Submit the completed application form, proposals for work to be performed, and supporting documentation for work proposed. Also include recent photographs of the building.
- ▶ Proposals from licensed and registered contractors are reviewed by the CDBG office.

Once the mortgage is completed, work needs to be started on the property within 90 days, if an extension is needed, the owner will reach out to our office to request. The committee will discuss and decide if the extension will be granted or denied. If the extension is denied, the funds would be forfeited and the owner would need to reapply for the loan.