



COMMERCIAL FACADE PROGRAM



The City of Bethlehem Commercial Façade Program provides incentives to building owners to restore or rehabilitate the primary elevation of their building and/or to repair or replace exterior building systems in order to preserve, protect and stabilize the building.

Eligible façade renovations include:

- Repair and improvement to windows and doors, including weatherproofing and frames.
- Repair and improvement to columns, porches and porticos as well as decorative features found on the building exterior.
- Repair and replacement of existing features and exterior building systems.
- Improvement to doorway stoops and railings as well as installation of ramps to improvement accessibility .
- Restoration or improvement of storefronts in a manner deemed appropriate for the building, streetscape and business.
- Lighting fixtures for illumination of main entrance and signs.

In addition to property renovations, our program can also provide supplemental financing for signage to identify your business.

While priority is given to commercial properties located in our designated business districts, properties located beyond those boundaries may also be eligible.

By contacting our Staff, at (610) 865-7085, we will be able to determine how our Commercial Façade Program can assist you.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Property must be located within a designated business district, or other program approved location, within the City of Bethlehem.
- Property must comply with City Zoning Ordinance.
- All municipal taxes related to the property and the business must be current.
- Property owner must agree to an exterior code inspection of the property by the City of Bethlehem.
- A façade and/or building treatment plan is required for construction/alterations planned for building.
- Property must include a commercial or business occupant as determined by a Certificate of Occupancy (CO).
- Building owner, business owner or tenant may be eligible for receive financing with the façade program.
- Historic review, architectural committee review, and a Certificate of Appropriateness may be required depending upon building location and/or work scope planned.
- All construction related work must receive applicable permits and be performed by a licensed professional to ensure compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.

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