Prior to submitting an application, the applicant is responsible for applying for the appropriate building permit(s) from the City of Dover. The Department of Planning and Inspections can be reached at (302) 736-7010.

New applications are distributed to the Downtown Dover Partnership Design Committee and placed on the agenda for discussion at the regular Committee meeting held on the second Wednesday of each month. Typically, there is a thirty (30) day review and approval period.

The Design Committee considers whether each project's design is compatible with the elements of the Design Standards and Guidelines for the City of Dover Historic Zone, Chapter 3, Maintenance, Repair, Preservation and Restoration of Existing Historic Buildings. See https://www.cityofdover.com/historic-district-guidelines. Copy available upon request.

Design Committee members have professional expertise in a variety of fields including but not limited to design, planning, building codes, graphics, architecture, and historic preservation.

Properties may receive a maximum of two (2) Façade Improvement Matching Grants in any fiscal year. All awards are subject to availability of funds. Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

Applicants will receive letters of grant award or decline.

Reimbursement

Upon completion of work (within six (6) months of notice of award), the applicant must notify the Design Committee in writing and submit images of completed work, copies of proof of payments (cancelled checks or credit card receipts), copy of any city issued permits, and completed and signed W9.

The Downtown Dover Partnership reserves the right to inspect the completed project for compliance with the terms of the award. Processing of reimbursement payment may take four to six weeks.

Application Checklist

The application must be completed in full at the time of submission. The application will not be reviewed unless all information has been provided. Please make sure all of the following items are included:

- If applicable, written permission from the property owner to perform the façade improvement.
- Completed application.
- Photographs of existing conditions including the overall façade view and details of project area.
- Itemized cost estimate including information on materials, specifications and until prices from vendors and/or contractors.
- Samples (i.e. paint colors, siding samples) or specifications of the materials proposed for the project.
- Drawings and/or mock-up of proposed signage, awning, improvements, etc. for the project work area.

Who We Are

The Downtown Dover Partnership supports business and job opportunities, growth of economic and cultural assets, and development of commercial and residential real estate, while preserving the City of Dover’s historic qualities, consistent with the National Main Street Model. The Downtown Dover Partnership works closely with the City of Dover to encourage and support development in the Downtown by offering technical support and financial incentives.

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Architectural Grant Support Guidelines

- The Downtown Dover Partnership (DDP) will provide reimbursement up to $5,000 for the architectural services required for new or expanded businesses within the Downtown Development District.
- This Incentive will reimburse 100% of the expenses for architectural services up to $1000 and then 50% of remaining costs up to a maximum reimbursement of $5000. The maximum incentive per individual applicant is $5000. The maximum incentive for properties with multiple tenant spaces is $10,000.
- The incentive application must be turned in to the DDP office and approved prior to the start of renovations.
- Work done prior to submitting an application is not eligible for this incentive program.
- Upon approval of your application, you will receive an award letter. Upon receipt of the letter, you may begin the process of renovations.
- Reimbursement will be paid when the applicant has received a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Dover.

Facade Improvement Matching Grant Opportunity

Facade Improvement Matching Grant

Facade Grants for rehabilitative and preservation work are intended to stimulate economic growth while improving the appearance and preserving the historic integrity of Downtown Dover. These matching grants are available for up to 50% percent of the cost of eligible expenses not to exceed $5,000. Applications are reviewed and approved by the Downtown Dover Partnership Design Committee. Any eligible building/owner may be awarded up to two per year. Grant awards are subject to the availability of funds and determination of compatibility with the Design Standards and Guidelines for the City of Dover Historic District Zone.

Program Guidelines

- Buildings must be located in the targeted area of the Downtown Dover Business Improvement District.
- Work begun prior to submitting an application is not eligible for this incentive program.
- If the applicant is not the building owner, written permission from the owner must be submitted with the application.
- Eligible projects are generally facade improvements, including all sides of buildings visible from the street or alley, excluding roof work. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Repairs to cornices, entrances, doors, windows, decorative details
  - Masonry repair or cleaning
  - Sign, awning, and lighting replacement or repair
  - Exterior painting
  - Installation of landscaping and site improvements
- Projects are to begin within three (3) months and be completed within six (6) months of the notice of award.
- Within six (6) months of the notice of award, copies of paid invoices and receipts as well as image(s) of completed work must be submitted to the DDP office for reimbursement. Grant award will expire after six (6) months.
- A three (3) month extension can be requested by contacting the DDP Office. If approved, grant award will expire after nine (9) months.

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

- In order to ensure compatibility of funded projects with the Design Standards and Guidelines for the City of Dover Historic District Zone, work begun prior to submitting an application is not eligible for reimbursement through this incentive program.
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**APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INCENTIVES**

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3. **INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FROM THE DOWNTOWN DOVER PARTNERSHIP**

*Please check incentive(s) for which you are applying*

- [ ] Reimbursement of architectural expenses up to $5000 for new or expanded business
- [ ] Façade Grant program to help business owners improve their storefronts $ Need to complete a separate application for this grant.

4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Façade grant applicants must provide a Scope of Work: Describe project improvements/activities in detail. Include itemized cost estimate with samples of materials to be used, renderings, plans, sketches or drawings of the project area. Add attachments and additional pages as needed. Photographs of existing conditions are required, including overall façade view and details of façade area to be improved.

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Application can be edited, saved and printed in Adobe Acrobat Reader
5. ASSURANCES
All information in the application is complete and true to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We certify that certain expenses are only reimbursable after Certificate of Occupancy or final inspection by Planning and Inspections. I/we understand that if I/we do not comply with the provisions of the development incentives program, the DDP may terminate the incentives.

I certify that I am the owner of record or am authorized by the owner of record to make this application.

Date  
Applicant Signature

6. STAFF ACTION

| Photographs |   |   |   |
| Itemized cost estimate |   |   |   |
| Plans or drawings |   |   |   |
| Material samples |   |   |   |

| Architectural Grant | Approved | Denied | Date |
| Façade Grant | Approved | Denied |

Date  
Signature of DDP Executive Director

Date  
Signature of DDP President or Treasurer