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NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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Program Purpose

- The Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program (NRAP) is structured to provide financial assistance to small retail businesses throughout the City of Cleveland.
- The program targets locally-owned businesses which will upgrade the exterior appearance of retail districts.
- Exterior improvements include renovation, landscaping, lighting, public art and signage. Green and sustainability design elements are encouraged.



Eligible Applicants

- Private Developers
- Small Businesses

Program Eligibility

‘The NRAP program improved the exterior storefront to reflect the image of our small business.’

*Deba Gray, President
Gray’s Auctioneers*

Eligible Activities

- Green/Sustainable Exterior Building Improvements (USGBC – LEED)
- Exterior Improvements
- Storefront renovation
- Landscaping
- Exterior Lighting
- Fencing
- Signage
- Public Art

Ineligible Activities

- Daycares
- Nightclubs
- Religious Organizations
- National Chains
- Liquor only Establishments
- Dollar Stores
- Check Cashing Stores

Attachments

Documentation Required

- Sources and Uses;
- Business Plan;
- Personal Financial Statement;
- 3 Years Personal Tax Returns;
- 3 Years Corporate Tax Returns;
- Letter of Support from Ward Councilperson;
- Letters of Commitment from Lenders; and
- Support from the local CDC.



Funding Terms

- Maximum financial assistance - \$40,000
- Interest rates are 3%
- Grants depend on new jobs, elimination of vacant space, and green & sustainable technology incorporated into the project.
- Fees—2% of financial assistance