



City of Struthers Façade Grant Program 2026 Business Façade Grant Guidelines

The City of Struthers is pleased to announce the 2026 City of Struthers Façade Program. Through the support of Struthers City Council, \$25,000 has been allocated in the 2026 City budget to assist local businesses with improving the appearance of commercial properties throughout our community.

The purpose of this program is to encourage reinvestment in our commercial corridors, strengthen neighborhood business districts, and enhance the overall appearance of the City of Struthers. Eligible businesses may apply for a matching grant of up to fifty percent (50%) of an approved façade improvement project, with a maximum grant award of \$5,000.

Applications will be accepted beginning August 10 and will close on September 8 at 3:00 p.m. They must be submitted via email to mayor@cityofstruthers.com or delivered to City Hall, 6 Elm Street. Complete applications that satisfy all eligibility requirements will be reviewed by the City of Struthers Board of Control.

ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES MUST MEET FOLOWING CRITERIA

- For-profit and nonprofit entities.
- Sole proprietorship partnership, Corporation, professional association, limited liability, company, limited partnership, or limited liability partnership, the business must be registered with the Ohio Secretary of State to do business in the state of Ohio. If sole proprietorship, the business shall provide documentation of its existence as a business, including, but not limited to income tax returns for the business, trade name, registration registrations, business banking, or credit account accounts, or similar documents. If a partnership, the business shall either be registered with the Ohio Secretary of State to do business in the state of Ohio, or, if not registered, shall provide documentation similar to that required for a sole proprietorship.
- Commercial properties located within the City of Struthers.
- Businesses not in receivership or bankruptcy.
- Businesses with no outstanding City of Struthers municipal income tax obligations.
- Businesses currently operating.
- Businesses who did not receive City of Struthers/CIC monies in the last 3 years.
- Businesses who did not receive 2023 City of Struthers Façade Grant money.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE

Grant funding may be used for exterior façade improvements including windows, doors, sidewalks, paving, lighting, painting, siding, fencing, permanent landscaping, and signage. Roofing is not an eligible expense.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE

- Projects already in progress.
- Any temporary improvements made to the building.
- Expansion of the building area.
- Interior equipment, furnishings or modifications.
- Property acquisition.
- Replacement of gutters and downspouts.
- Machinery/Equipment.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed 2026 Business Facade Grant Application.
- Completed IRS FORM W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.
- Property insurance certificate.
- Photographs of existing building façades.
- Sketches of proposed improvements (if requested).
- Material descriptions.
- At least two detailed contractor estimates or bids with your preferred noted.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The deadline for submitting applications is September 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, 6 Elm Street. The Board of Control will evaluate all complete applications and may request design modifications, additional information, or conduct a site visit to ensure compatibility with City zoning and design standards. Grant decisions will be made by the Board of Control by September 15th. Businesses will be notified by mail. Awardees will be notified both by mail and by phone. All decisions are final.

GRANT AGREEMENT

Successful applicants will enter into a written grant agreement outlining the approved project, eligible expenses, completion timeline and payment procedures. Not approved modifications are not eligible for payment.

PROJECT COMPLETION

- Projects must be completed by December 31st, 2026.
- Request for payment must be submitted with all required documentation no later than December 1st, 2026.
- Any changes to the scope of the approved must receive prior approval from the Board of Control.
- Within 30 days of project completion applicants must inform the Code Enforcement Director who will inspect the completed improvements for compliance. If not complete and guidelines are not satisfied, funds must be returned to The City of Struthers. In this event, the matter will be pursued civilly.
- This program will conclude December 31st 2026. No checks will be issued after this date.

GRANT FUNDING

The City Auditor's Office will issue a one-time payment directly to the business upon producing required documentation including a copy of a cancelled check showing payment remitted to vendor(s) for the amount of or exceeding the funds awarded.

The City of Struthers looks forward to partnering with our local businesses to create an even more attractive, vibrant, and welcoming community for residents, visitors, and future investment.



City of Struthers

2026 City of Struthers Façade Grant Application

The aim of this project is to aid with the appearance of Struthers buildings as part of an overall effort to make Struthers a destination point for the area. We invite you to be a part of this exciting initiative.

Please complete the information below to the best of your ability and return it to:
Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller at mayor@cityofstruthers.com; or return to City Hall, Mayor's Office no later than 3:00pm on Tuesday, September 8th at 3pm. A total of \$25,000 in grant will be selected for the year.

1. **Name of Business:**

2. **Name of Owner(s):**

If there are multiple owners, please indicate shares in the business for each owner

3. **Contact Information:**

Phone:

E-Mail:

4. **Business Location Address:**

5. **Type of Business:**

6. **Entity Type:**

Companies must have Articles in good standing from the State of Ohio

7. **Date operation began or plan to begin:**

8. **Employment:**

a) Current number of employees:

b) Project employees in three years:

9. **Is the business current with all local, state and federal taxes and fees?**

10. **Is the business in good standing with all appropriate government regulations?**

11. Which of the following activities will your company undertake with exterior improvement grant funds?

- Facade
- Windows
- Doors
- Sidewalks
- Paving
- Lighting
- Painting
- Siding
- Fencing
- Signage
- Permanent Landscaping
- Fixed outdoor furnishing
- Other (please specify)

12. What activities will your company undertake with private funding?

13. How much private investment will your business make for overall improvements?

14. How will the exterior improvements help economic development and enhance the overall look in the City?

15. What are the anticipated costs?

Please include two or most cost estimates

16. What cost share will business invest?

17. What is the company's timeline for completion of the improvements?

Please attach two professional cost estimates for the proposed work with an indication of the preferred approach.

Thank you for your time and effort. If you have questions, please contact Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller at 330-755-2181 ext. 110 or by email at mayor@cityofstruthers.com