



FACADE IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL STREETS

## **CORAOPOLIS FICS GRANTS OVERVIEW:**

The Coraopolis Community Development Corporation (CCDC) is pleased to announce the launch of a facade improvement grant program in support of small businesses located within the Borough of Coraopolis. This grant program will provide one-time grants of up to \$2,500 for exterior facade improvements to qualifying small businesses within the Borough of Coraopolis.

Applications will be submitted during the application period of Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee (eliminating any conflict of interest: no business owners or CCDC staff will be on the committee) and awarded to eight Coraopolis businesses.

## **PURPOSE:**

Working together as neighbors and friends, we can strengthen neighborhood pride by adding to the Borough's charm and rejuvenating its streetscape. This program is made possible through generous donations from the following Sponsors: Pennsylvania's Department of Community & Economic Development Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) with support from Dollar Bank, Highmark Health, Huntington Bank, and Northwest Bank. For questions about the program and to see if your property is eligible, please reach out to Randon Willard at [randonwillard@corycdc.org](mailto:randonwillard@corycdc.org)

## **Façade Improvement Grant Eligibility**

1. Business must be located within the Borough of Coraopolis
2. Business must be at least one year in business to apply for the grant.
3. If the Business does not own its building, it must have presented a letter from its landlord stating that they are supportive of the grant.
4. Businesses must be able to accomplish the work in 2024 and submit a final report by December 31, 2024.
5. Businesses that were awarded the facade improvement grant in previous years are ineligible to apply again.

## **APPLICATION PERIOD & PROCESS:**

Grant Amount: The grant award will not exceed \$2,500. Matching funds are not required.

Application Period: Monday, April 1, 2024, through Friday, April 12, 2024

Application available at: <https://forms.gle/aTmdsMcmFafpyioR9>

Examples of what the grant might help cover:

- Exterior improvements
- Outside signage
- Window art/signage
- Fresh coat of paint or siding
- Repointing of brick
- New or repaired lighting
- New or repaired windows and doors

Applicants are required to complete a brief online application which will include submitting details about the planned usage, photos, and confirmed property owner/landlord approval. Submitted applications will then be reviewed by the committee and awarded to eight businesses meeting the program's criteria. All grant monies must be spent by December 31, 2024.

Applications that have already received bids from contractors/vendors will be prioritized.

**GRANT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA:**

Businesses located within the Borough of Coraopolis Business District are eligible to apply for grant funding (see Borough ward map).

**FOLLOW-UP REPORTING:**

Awarded businesses will be required to spend the grant dollars within the same calendar year and prepare a report by December 31, 2024 sharing how the funds were spent and photos of the finished product.