

DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2013



The Village of Oswego offers business owners and owners of commercial buildings up to \$10,000 in matching grants per façade to rehabilitate and restore the visible exteriors of existing structures in the Village's downtown business district. It is intended to help rehabilitate and restore the visible exterior of existing structures, and to construct or enhance rear pedestrian entrances of buildings.

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for a Façade Improvement Program (F.I.P.) reimbursement grant, an existing building must be used in whole or in part for commercial purposes, must be located within the target area, and must be properly zoned for the use(s) occupying the property. The target area is designated by the Village of Oswego as illustrated on the map below and commonly known as the downtown business district.

Rear entrance improvements to a building are also eligible subject to certain criteria. An application for program grant funds may be submitted by a commercial tenant, landlord, and/or property owner.

In addition to construction improvements, the program can also assist with architectural and design services of up to \$4,000 per façade. However, the total grant amount per façade cannot exceed \$10,000

Eligible Improvements

The Downtown Façade Improvement Program can be used to undertake a variety of projects such as:

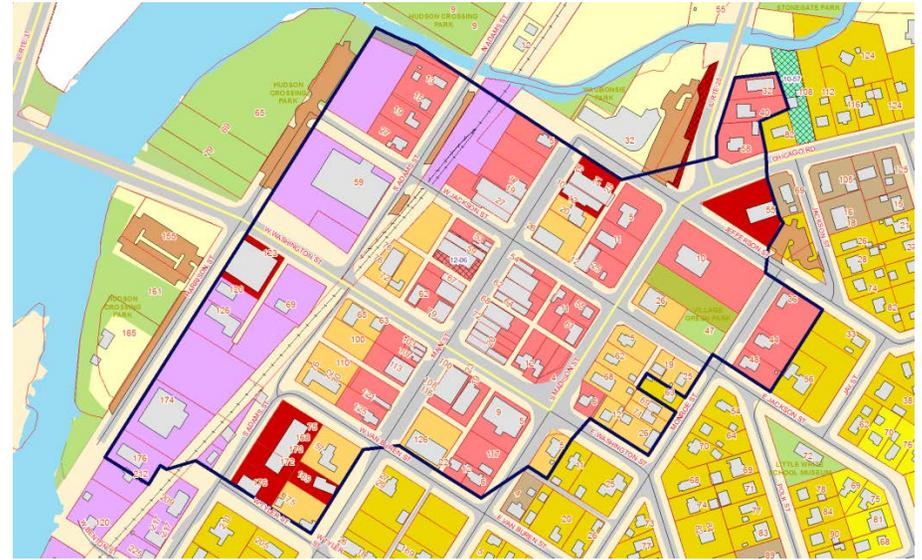
- Restoration, repair and reintroduction of architectural features.
- Repair and rebuild exterior walls

- Repair, replace, or add exterior windows and shutters
- Repair and replace exterior stairs, porches, railings and exits
- Repair and replace exterior signs

Certain exclusions apply.

The Process

- Contact the Community Development staff at **(630) 554-3622** to determine if your business is eligible.
- Where architectural services are required, the applicant should retain a licensed architect to prepare a conceptual design and cost estimate for work proposed.
- Submit the completed application along with the attachments and filing fee during the following priority application period: **July 1, 2013 through August 7, 2013.**
- Present the proposed improvements to the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).
- Request consideration by Village Board and if approved a Façade Improvement Agreement is executed.
- Once the work is completed, the Village will reimburse the business owner for up to 50% of all eligible costs.



Target Area Map: Oswego Downtown Business District

The applicant shall *NOT* begin work before Village Board approval. The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the façade and rear entrance improvements without alteration for a minimum of five (5) years unless approved by the Village Board.

American Male & Company – 27 S. Main Street



American Male & Co.— 4 shops under one roof —had exterior improvements completed in 2012

Before

