

DOUGLAS AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2026 PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Douglas Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) Property Improvement Grant is designed to support property owners in enhancing the exterior appearance of buildings within the BID corridor.

This program provides reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per property per year for eligible exterior improvements that contribute to the overall aesthetic, safety, and vitality of the district.

Grant funds will be paid directly to the contractor upon completion and submission of required documentation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Property must be located within the Douglas Avenue BID boundaries
- Property must be commercial or mixed-use (no residential-only properties)
- Property must be free of code violations, tax liens, or delinquencies
- Each property address may apply once per calendar year
- Applicant must be the property owner or have written consent from the property owner

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Douglas Avenue BID Board
The BID Board will determine funding awards and annual deadlines

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form by August 1, 2026
- Current photos of property
- Detailed contractor quote(s)
- Project description
- Work may not begin prior to approval unless seeking retroactive funding within the same fiscal year

REIMBURSEMENT & APPROVAL PROCESS

Grant funds are paid directly to the contractor listed in the application

Payment will be issued after:

- Submission of paid invoice
- Verification of completed work

You will be notified of approval/denial by Sept. 1, 2026

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Facade improvements and exterior painting
- Signage improvements
- Exterior lighting installation
- Landscaping and planters
- Window and door improvements
- Masonry repair and restoration
- Exterior maintenance and repairs

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Interior improvements
- Work completed outside the BID district
- Work not visible from the public right-of-way
 - Projects not completed by a licensed contractor
 - Work not approved prior to completion (unless retroactively approved within the same fiscal year)

PROJECT TIMELINE

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Projects must be completed within 120 days of approval unless otherwise approved
- Retroactive funding is allowed within the same fiscal year

APPLICANT INFORMATION



Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe the proposed exterior improvements:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

Total Project Cost: _____

Requested Grant Amount (up to \$5,000): _____

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date: _____

Completion Date: _____

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- Photos of current conditions
- Contractor quote(s)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Send application to: douglasavenueracine@gmail.com

OR MAIL TO: Douglas Avenue Business Improvement District

P.O. Box 44605 | Racine, WI 53404

Questions: 608-444-3064

INTERNAL

Date Received: _____

Board Approval: _____

Grant Award Amount: _____