

Background

A key component to Village Vision is addressing the City's housing stock. As an inner-ring suburb, some Prairie Village homes are facing maintenance problems that come with age. These homes are well-built, but beginning to visibly show their years. The aim of this program is to encourage homeowners within the designated improvement boundaries to invest in their home's appearance. This type of program offers a reimbursable percentage of total project cost on all eligible improvements.

Visit the City website to learn more about other available Home Maintenance Programs. Go to pvkansas.com and search "Home Maintenance Programs."

For further information, please contact
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www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant

EXTERIOR GRANT PROGRAM

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City of Prairie Village



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Improving Your Residence

Maintaining a positive image is important to the City. The appearance of our neighborhoods plays a vital role in the perception of the quality of the community. The City encourages homeowners to invest in their properties by making improvements to the exterior of their residence. The improved appearance of homes will make our neighborhoods more attractive and contribute to the enhanced viability of the area and the community.

Program

- A grant will be awarded as a reimbursement for construction costs and/or material costs for exterior remodeling or new construction that enhances front curb appeal.
- The grant will be in an amount up to \$2,500.
- Funding for the grant program will be provided from the City's General Fund, from monies allocated from the Economic Development Fund.
- Continuation of the program will be considered by the Prairie Village Governing Body on an annual basis.

Eligibility Requirements

- Only residential properties zoned R-1 or R-2 are eligible.
- The property must have a Johnson County appraised value of less than \$225,000 for 2018.
- The property must be owner-occupied, or have a current rental property license in place for the previous 365 days prior to approval.
- Based upon the scope and type of improvement, a building permit may be required. All required permits and approvals must be granted prior to the commencement of permitted work.
- The improvements must be in conformance with the City of Prairie Village Municipal Code and other applicable building codes.
- The grant will be awarded as a 20% reimbursement of the total project cost between \$2,500-\$12,500. No expenses can be accrued until your grant application has been approved by city staff. Receipts must be dated after the approval date.
- Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to: complete exterior house painting or siding, door/window repair and replacement, new roof, gutters, shutters, front-facing concrete work, foundation repairs, and building additions.
- There is a limit of one grant per property every 10 years.

Application and Process

- Applications are available March 1 on a first come basis at the Codes Department at Prairie Village City Hall, and also online at www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant.
- The completed application MUST be submitted to the Codes Department for approval before beginning any work. Receipts dated prior to the grant approval date cannot be included with any reimbursement request.
- Applications must include a description of the renovation or remodeling, and estimated costs, as well as proof of current homeowner insurance and paid property tax.
- "Before" and "after" pictures will be taken by City staff and the property will be checked for code violations. This includes the backyard.
- Code violations must be corrected within 10 working days of notification of the violation, or the grant will be forfeited.
- You must be able to show that progress is being made on the project within 60 days of approval or the grant will be forfeited.

Receiving the Grant

- Upon completion of the improvements, the applicant must submit qualified projects receipts and reimbursement form to the Codes Department totaling project expenses of at least \$2,500. Items on the receipts and reimbursement form must be clearly marked and explained.
- Contact the City for final project inspection. After staff review of receipts and reimbursement form, the City will issue a check to the applicant for 20% of the qualified expenses, reimbursement not to exceed \$2,500, within two to three weeks of receipt verification.
- All projects must be completed and receipts submitted within 90 days after application is submitted.