

Urban Core Property Improvement Grant

Eligible expenses and maximum funding

View the following chart to find eligible expenses under the Urban Core Property Improvement Grant and the maximum funding for each expense type. The chart also shows the funding amount if the grant is paired with the **Targeted Redevelopment Incentive** or not. These maximum limits are bound by a 10-year time period. Exceptions may be made if the property has been damaged due to fire, vandalism, or natural disasters.

Type of eligible expense	Funding with area redevelopment plan	Funding without area redevelopment plan
Structural matters	\$100,000	\$100,000
Mold and asbestos	\$100,000	\$100,000
Accessibility/barrier-free	\$100,000	\$100,000
Historic preservation	\$100,000	\$100,000
Other costs addressing a historically significant, deteriorating, functionally compromised or obsolete aspect of the building	\$100,000	\$100,000
Professional fees and technical studies including architectural, engineering, environmental and geotechnical, traffic impact, etc.	\$10,000	\$10,000
Façade and permanent exterior improvements	\$15,000 per 25 foot street frontage	N/A
Permanent interior improvements	\$30,000	N/A
CPTED	\$5,000	\$5,000
Signage	\$2,000	N/A
Non-permanent business improvements	\$5,000	N/A

*Eligible expenses and maximum funding per expense type

Ineligible expenses

The following types of expenses do not qualify for the Urban Core Property Improvement Grant:

- Administration, financial reporting, fundraising, preparing the application, and similar activities
- Construction equipment and related hardware, tools and machinery
- Construction insurance and permits
- Expenses incurred prior to date of grant application approval
- Insulation
- Non-permanent finishes and equipment (i.e., lighting, cameras, security systems, furniture, etc.)
- Ongoing operation or general maintenance and life cycle costs
- Tenant improvements except those that address eligible issues

Funding

View the requirements that approved projects must meet in order to receive funding.

Secondary approvals

Before we can provide grant funding, the project must receive all necessary approvals including but not limited to:

- Development Permits
- Building Permits
- Historic approvals (if applicable)

Project start date

Approved projects that do not start construction within 1 year of the approval will have their application approval canceled. Retroactive funding is not permitted.

Inspections

We will need to conduct any necessary inspections in alignment with the application approval before issuing funding.

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