

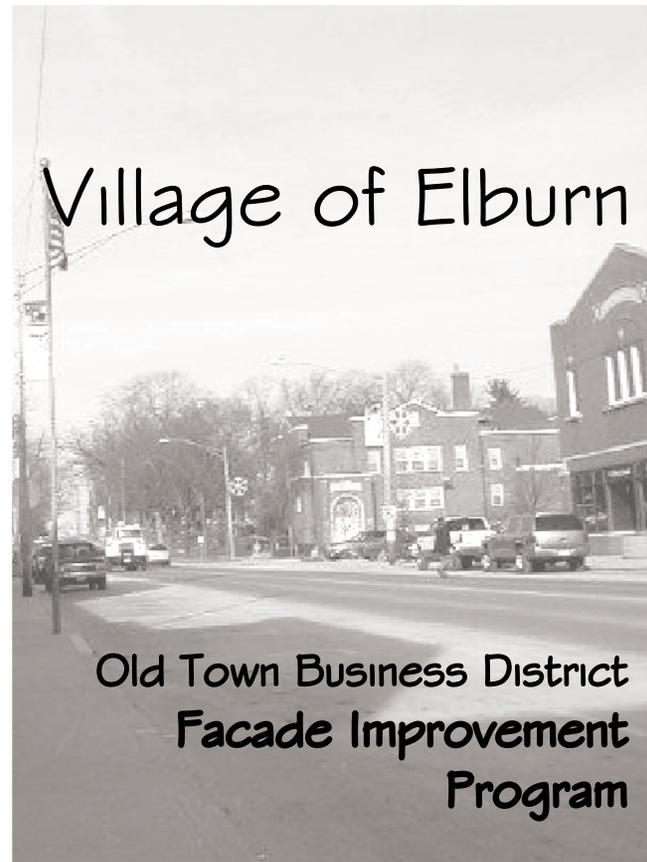
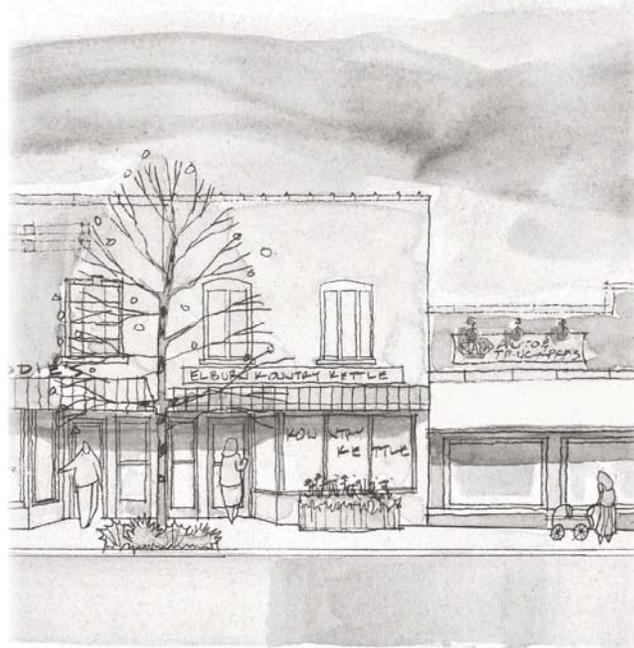
shall reconsider the application and determine eligibility. All decisions regarding eligibility of an applicant are final.

If the application receives Village Board approval, the applicant must enter into an agreement with the Village. The Facade Improvement Grant Agreement stipulates that the improvements must be constructed within 180 days of approval. Matching grant funds will only be disseminated to the applicant once the construction of the approved improvements has been completed and has been inspected by the Village Building Department. Matching grant funds will be disseminated to the applicant within 15 days of a passing inspection.

If grant funding for a current funding cycle is completely distributed, applicants may be placed on a waiting list to be considered for a grant when funds become available.

Can I get help with Design Assistance?

Design assistance grants may be available to applicants who wish to improve their facade but are unsure about the appropriate style of improvements needed. The design assistance grant can be utilized for enlisting an architect in the redesign of the building facade. The total amount of the design assistance grant will be equal to 20% of the facade improvement grant funds applied for, totaling no more than \$1,000. Design assistance grant funds will only be provided if the Village Board approves the facade improvement grant application.



To obtain a grant application or more information about the Village **Facade Improvement Program** and the **Old Town Elburn Business District Development Plan** please contact:



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"Helping business owners invest in their properties, while improving the appearance and restoring the historic character of Downtown Elburn."

What is a Facade Improvement Program?

The Village wishes to encourage and support building and business owner investment in the upgrade of their existing building storefront.

Through the Facade Improvement Program, the Village will provide a 50% matching grant to Old Town Elburn business or building owners who construct eligible improvements to the facades of their buildings. The Village will match dollar-for-dollar an owner's investment to the appearance of their building's storefront facade up to a maximum amount of \$5,000.

What Properties are Eligible?

All commercially operated buildings within the Old Town Elburn Business District are eligible for the Facade Improvement Program. Only one grant will be awarded per building within a five-year period. Only improvements to facades that directly front a public right-of-way are eligible for funding.



*Boundaries of the Old Town District
Elburn, Illinois*

Any commercial building owner, or business owner with building owner authorization, may apply for the grant.

What Improvements are Eligible?

A building or business owner who is undertaking an improvement project that includes a portion of the eligible improvements may apply for the matching grant, but only the improvements identified below will be eligible for funding. The following improvements are eligible to receive funding through the program.

- Brick Cleaning
- Tuck Pointing
- Painting
- Wall Facade Repair and Treatment
- Exterior Lighting
- Repair or Replacement of Original Architectural Features
- Signage Repair or Replacement
- Exterior Doors
- Streetscape Elements
- Windows and Frames
- Landscaping
- Shutters and Awnings (cloth or similar material that is not backlit)
- Stairs, Porches, Railings
- Roofs visible from the Street
- Improvements for ADA Compliance



What improvements are ineligible?

The Facade Improvement Program will not provide funds for working capital, debt refinancing, permit fees, legal fees, plumbing repair or improvements, HVAC repair or improvements, parking lot resurfacing, or interior remodeling.

How do I Apply?

Any commercial building or business owner within the Old Town Elburn Business District who wishes to apply for a façade improvement Grant can obtain an application at the Village Hall.

Applications for façade improvement matching grants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Only completed applications which include all required submittal documents and information will be accepted. The Village Design Review Committee will review the application for accuracy and will determine if it meets the requirements for funding. Those requirements for funding include:

- Adherence to the design guidelines of the Old Town Elburn Business District Development Plan
- Improvements are eligible under the provisions of the Facade Improvement Program

If the application is determined to meet the requirements of the program, the application will be sent to Village Board for approval. If the applicant wishes to challenge the Village Board determination, the applicant can request an appeal of the decision to the Design Review Committee. The Design Review Committee