# TARENTUM BOROUGH FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FLYER

## INTRODUCTION

The Tarentum Borough Façade Improvement Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 available to commercial property owners or business owners with property owner approval to encourage the restoration of building facades and enhance the appearance of storefronts in the Borough. The façade improvement grants are intended to stimulate private investment in preserving historic downtown architecture and foster image-making improvements to the Borough's commercial properties.

An attractive image is of critical importance to the success of any commercial area. Façade and storefront improvements are proven to be one of the most effective approaches to enhancing a commercial area's image and economic vitality.

## **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

- Any person(s) or legal entity that owns or leases commercial buildings in the Tarentum Borough's C-1 Zone is eligible to apply. Applications by lessees/tenants require the consent of the property owner.
- To review all eligibility guidelines, please see the complete grant guidelines and application available at the Tarentum Borough Building.

## **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Projects must achieve visible results that enhance the commercial image, marketability, and economic vitality while presenting the building in its most appealing form with the original character of the building preserved and enhanced.

- Major maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and restoration of commercial storefronts and facades are eligible activities.
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# AMOUNT OF GRANT

The grant will award up to \$5,000 per approved project by reimbursing eligible activities. All selected applicants will be required to have a match of 10% of the total approved grant amount.

• A maximum of 10 grants will be awarded in any given year.

#### **DESIGN STANDARDS**

Project activities must conform to the following:

- The Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings outlined by the Secretary of the Interior if the building is designates as historic by the State of Federal Registries.
- The Tarentum Borough Zoning Ordinance

#### TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained at the office of the Borough of Tarentum, 318 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Tarentum, PA, 15084. Applications are also available online at www.tarentumboro.com. For more information, please call 724.671.7474.