



Riverview Historic District

Exterior Restoration Grant Application

The RHD Exterior Restoration Grant Program is an incentive to encourage homeowners within the district to improve the façade, the exterior street-facing side, of their homes with a focus on restoration, repair, and beautification. The program provides a reimbursement grant of up to \$750 toward a façade improvement project.

All portions of the application as well as required attachments are needed to be considered for reimbursement funding.

Program Details

Reimbursement amount

Riverview Historic District has allocated \$3,750 total to be given out in the form of five grants of up to \$750.

Application deadline

- The deadline for this round of grants will be June 1, 2026.
- Applications will be considered up until June 1, 2026 and projects will be chosen at the discretion of the RHD Board. The grants will not be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Conditions of reimbursement

- Projects must be completed by November 1, 2026 to receive the reimbursement.
- Before and after photos of the completed project and receipts must be submitted via e-mail to info@riverviewhistoricdistrict.org by November 15, 2026 at the latest.
- Grants will be disbursed (paid by check) only after the project has been completed and photos and receipts submitted.
- In the event that the project is not complete by the deadline of November 1, 2026 and/or the proof of completion (*photos and receipts*) are not turned in by the November 15, 2026 deadline, the recipients will not be reimbursed.

Notification to Recipients

Recipients will be notified by formal letter and e-mail within 14 days of June 1, 2026.

Program limits

- Disbursements for the Exterior Restoration Grant are limited to \$3,750 total in any RHD fiscal year.
- Renters may apply for the reimbursement grant with the written permission of the landlord.
- Residential properties only.



- Property owners may be eligible for the incentive on multiple parcels.
- Property owners may apply for one project per parcel per year; however, preference may be given to new applicants who have not yet received a grant.
- RHD Board members and immediate family residing in the same home may not apply for the grants.



Applicant and Project Information

Fill out each section below to be considered.

I. General

Applicant Name:

Phone Number

E-mail Address:

Does the applicant rent or own the property?

Property Owner Name:

Property Address:

The property must be within the boundary of the Riverview Historic District. Please see the attached map.

II. Scope of Exterior Restoration Project

Write a detailed description of the scope of work to be completed.

Photographs and/or renderings are helpful and encouraged.

Examples of intended Repair(s) or Proposed work

Roof including soffits, fascia, downspouts, eaves, gutters.

Chimney(s) if visible from the street including flashing, tuckpointing.

Siding

Windows

Foundation if visible from the street, tuckpointing, other.

Porch

Awnings

Brickwork/Stonework



Doors
Landscaping
Paving/Brick Pavers
Lighting

III. Budget

Include an estimate of the qualified expenses for the façade project. Qualified expenses included outside contractors and material costs associated with improving the street facing façade.

IV. Tax Verification

Attach evidence of paid real estate taxes on subject property.

V. Proof of Payment and Completion by November 15, 2026.

If you are selected to receive a \$750 reimbursement, this portion of the application will be required upon completion in order for the reimbursement to be paid out.

Attach proof of project completion (*photos*), paid qualified expenses (*receipts, invoices*), and a copy of the project permit issued by the City of Kankakee (*if required for the project*) by November 15, 2026 at the latest in order to receive reimbursement.

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain proper permitting for projects.



Submission Details

Return all portions of this application and necessary attachments by regular mail or e-mail:

Riverview Historic District
Attn: Exterior Restoration Grant Committee
P.O. Box 571
Kankakee, IL 60901

OR

Subject: Exterior Restoration Grant Committee
info@riverviewhistoricdistrict.org

For questions concerning this program or process contact Riverview Historic District at info@riverviewhistoricdistrict.org.



SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES, APPLIED BY THE RIVERVIEW HISTORIC DISTRICT

To receive an Exterior Restoration Grant, a rehabilitation project must be determined by the Riverview Historic District Board to be consistent with the historic character of the structure(s) and, where applicable, the district in which it is located. The following Standards are to be applied to specific rehabilitation projects in a reasonable manner, taking into consideration economic and technical feasibility.

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archaeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.