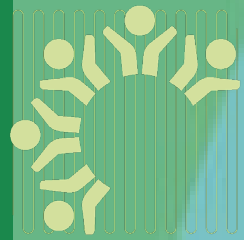




# Business Assistance Grants

September 30, 2025

# Existing Grant Programs



- Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Program (C-FIP)
  - First floor businesses
  - Sales-tax generating businesses (51%)
  
- Renew the Avenue Grant Programs
  - Social Media Promotion
  - Interior Façade Improvement
  - Commercial Façade Improvement

# Proposed Business Assistance Grant Programs



1

## Commercial Facade Improvement

50% support of exterior facade improvements of sales tax generating businesses

2

## Interior Facade Improvement

50% support of interior facade improvements of sales tax generating businesses

3

## Climate Ready Business

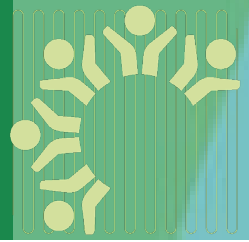
50% support, up to \$6,000 in sustainable business practices

4

## Fire Safety

50% support, up to \$3,500 in support of businesses needing to install fire or sprinkler systems

# Interior Façade Improvement



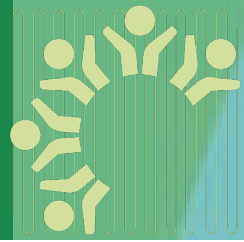
**Purpose:** Help businesses improve the interior of the business and offset some of the costs.

## **Example Eligible Expenses:**

- Replacement of interior windows or doors
- Replacement of flooring/carpet
- Painting of wall and ceiling surfaces
- HVAC improvements (not maintenance)
- Plumbing improvements (not maintenance)

➤ Grant would apply to only first floor, sales tax-generating businesses

# Interior Façade Improvement

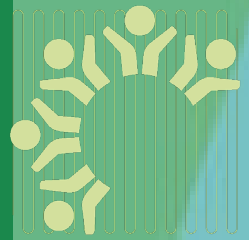


Total Expenditure	Business Tenant Cost	Potential Grant Reimbursement
\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00*
\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00**

\*Minimum grant reimbursement

\*\*Maximum grant reimbursement

# Climate Ready Business

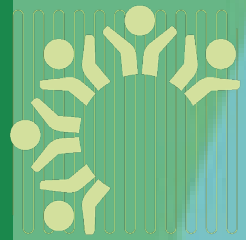


**Purpose:** Encourage and support eco-friendly practices by businesses.

## **Example Eligible Expenses:**

- Upgrading to energy-efficient lighting
  - Upgrade appliances (gas to electric conversion, increased SEER, ENERGY STAR)
  - Materials or services to implement zero-waste initiatives
  - Installation of EV charging stations on property
  - Installation of solar panels on property
  - Installation of insulation or ENERGY STAR windows and doors
  - Upgrade of electrical service to support electrification and/or EV charger installation
  - Fees associated with 3<sup>rd</sup> party green business certifications (e.g. Illinois Green Business, Bcorps. EVAL, Bike Friendly Business, Surfrider Ocean Friendly Restaurant)
- Grant would apply to any Oak Park business or Commercial Property Owner
- Businesses in buildings over 10,000 s.f. are eligible only if the building is in compliance with the Village's benchmarking ordinance

# Climate Ready Business

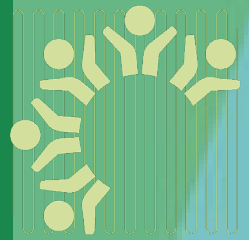


<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Business Tenant Cost/Property Owner</b>	<b>Potential Grant Reimbursement</b>
\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00*
\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00**

\*Minimum grant reimbursement

\*\*Maximum grant reimbursement

# Fire Safety



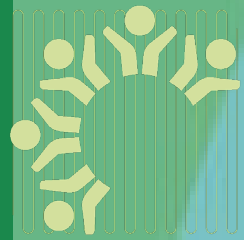
**Purpose:** Help businesses with the initial cost of installing a fire alarm or sprinkler system.

**Example Eligible Expenses:**

- Installation of a fire alarm or sprinkler system
- Service to a fire alarm or sprinkler system to bring it up to code

➤ Grant would apply to any *new* Oak Park business

# Fire Safety



Total Expenditure	Business Tenant Cost	Potential Grant Reimbursement
\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00*
\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
\$7,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00**

\*Minimum grant reimbursement

\*\*Maximum grant reimbursement



Questions?

