

Village Association of Batavia Façade Restoration Matching Grants

The Village Association of Batavia (hereafter referred to as VAOB), a 501 (c) (3) organization, is pleased to offer matching grants in an effort to enhance the appearance of commercial building facades (“storefronts”) in our Village. In these tough economic times, matching funds might provide added incentive to complete projects sooner rather than later.

Details of the Grants: For 2010, the VAOB will award up to 3 matching grants at a maximum of \$1000 per grant.

Requirements: owners of existing commercial properties must match the grant 1:1. For example, a grant of \$1000 must be matched with an equal amount of \$1000 by the property owner for a total investment of \$2000.

The specific project must be an exterior *restoration of the building façade*. If the project involves painting, colors must be selected from the Sherwin Williams “historic colors” palettes. Please note that the VAOB has partnered with the Sherwin Williams Eastgate store to arrange a 35% discount for paint purchased at that location.

How to Apply: merely complete the attached application, describing the nature of your project. Mail the form to the Village Association of Batavia, PO Box 247, Batavia Ohio 45103 or email the form to info@VAOB.org. Applications must be received no later than April 30, 2010. Awards will be made by May 31, 2010. Please note that all projects must be fully completed by October 15, 2010. No more than 1 grant per applicant will be awarded in any one calendar year.

Exclusions: governmental or civic association buildings are not eligible to apply. Since this is a new program, no retroactive awards can be made.

Selection/Award Process: the VAOB Board of Directors will make the award decisions, with priority given to the projects that will have the greatest visible impact. Upon approval, one third of the grant will be awarded upon commencement of work, another one third draw upon request and the final third upon successful completion.

General Comments: In many cases, “storefront” projects do not have to be costly. Often, a fresh coat of paint, a new sign, a new awning, lighting fixtures and flower boxes are all that is needed to make a noticeable difference. Improving the appearance of buildings can impact the economic vitality of our Village.