

The Commercial Façade Improvement Loan program is designed to:

- Achieve a more attractive, unified, and architecturally integrated downtown
- Encourage a strong commercial corridor through building improvements and continued maintenance
- Support community involvement and private investment, in turn promoting development and job creation
- Eliminate those conditions leading to slum or blight

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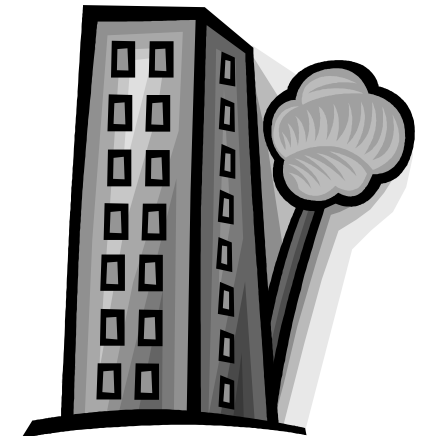
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The City of Warren has an established loan program which assists those owners of commercial buildings in *Target Area Neighborhoods* throughout the City of Warren.

These loans are available to assist with the renovation, restoration, and preservation of exterior building façades, and the improvement of parking and landscaping areas.

The program consists of a 3 percent loan with a three-month no-interest, no-payment period. For façade and/or landscaping improvements, the maximum available loan is \$15,000; for an historic façade restoration, the maximum available loan is \$25,000. The minimum loan amount is \$2,000.

All loans are amortized between two and seven years, depending upon size. Owner participation may be required.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must own the property or business for which the loan is requested.

All applicants must be in good standing, i.e., they must not be in default of any municipal taxes or City loan repayments.

All applicants must possess an acceptable credit rating.

## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

All eligible projects must be located within Warren City limits.

All eligible projects are subject to approval by the Design Review Board prior to the allocation of funds.

Eligible expenses include:

- Façade repainting or cleaning
- Restoration of masonry, brick, wood, and metal
- Replacement/repair of cornices, eaves, etc.
- Replacement/repair of windows
- Entrance modifications
- Storefront redesign
- Installation of new signage
- Installation/repair of exterior lighting
- Parking lot repair
- Landscaping improvements

## PROCESS

1. Applicant reviews proposed improvements with WRAP;
2. Application along with plans and scale drawings presented to WRAP, including the **\$50 application fee**;
3. Applicant undergoes financial and credit rating reviews;
4. Applicant undergoes building façade review;
5. Application approved;
6. Loan agreement signed;
7. Building permits obtained, if necessary (normal fees apply);
8. Façade improvements completed and invoices are submitted to WRAP;
9. Final façade inspection; and
10. Applicant begins monthly loan repayment.