



Warren Ave Facade Improvement Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I apply for the WFIP grant?

A: You can submit your application online through the following link:

bit.ly/warren-facade-app

Q: Where can I find more information about the grant?

A: The City of Dearborn website provides comprehensive information about the program, including eligibility requirements and program guidelines. You can access it here: <https://dearborn.gov/WarrenTransformation#>.

Q: What is the deadline for submitting the application?

A: The deadline for applications for the first round of funding is **5:00 p.m. on Jan 24, 2025**. It is recommended you submit your application well before the deadline.

Q: I don't know my UEI number. How can I find it?

A: The Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is a mandatory field in the application. This number identifies your business entity. To locate your UEI number, you can follow these steps:

- Visit the SAM.gov website: <https://www.SAM.gov>.
- Log in to your existing SAM.gov account. If you haven't registered yet, you can create a free account.
- Once logged in, navigate to your entity's registration information. Your UEI number will be displayed there.

Q: Is the UEI number the same as the tax ID number? Is this something that would be required before applying?

A: The UEI number is a separate number than the tax identification (EIN) number. This Alphanumeric number is generated by Sam.gov and is utilized for government projects/grants. Yes, you will need to submit the UEI number when submitting your application.

Q: As a property owner, can I submit a single application on behalf of multiple tenants?

A: Yes, a single application can be submitted on behalf of multiple tenants, provided all tenants agree and you are responsible for the required matching payment.

Q: I have a restaurant on Warren with a patio that I would like to improve, will the patio expansion or improvement be eligible under the WFIP?



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A: Patios and outdoor seating are not included under the WFIP eligibility items. This program is specifically designed for facade improvements.

Q: How can I verify if my property has any outstanding code enforcement violations before applying for the grant?

A: The City of Dearborn's Code Enforcement Division maintains up-to-date records on property violations. To check for any outstanding issues on your property, please email BusinessServices@dearborn.gov or contact the Dearborn Administrative Center at 313-943-2150.

Q: If my project's total cost exceeds the grant program's funding threshold, am I responsible for covering the difference?

A: Yes, you would be responsible for all project costs above the threshold of the grant in addition to the 10% business match.

Q: Does this grant program include architectural support?

A: Yes, we collaborate with an architectural firm to develop the designs. They will present these designs to the businesses for feedback and input.

Q: Is this a grant or a loan?

A: The Warren Facade Improvement Program is a grant program funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds with 10% match from participants.
