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NEW Business Improvement Grant Guide

Apply Today!



Disclaimer:

This guide is meant to help Oak Forest property owners, businesses, and their representatives apply for the Business Improvement Grant, but its contents are not official requirements of the Oak Forest Code of Ordinances or Zoning Ordinance unless specifically cited. Following the guide or the code exactly does not guarantee that any application will be approved.

Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Overview

The Business Improvement Grant is a 50% grant of up to \$50,000 to support the renovation or expansion of businesses in Oak Forest. Don't see your project on the list of eligible projects below? Don't fear! The city has wide latitude to approve projects not currently listed. Still reach out or apply using the QR Code below!



Eligible Projects

ELIGIBLE

- Exterior Renovation
- Exterior Painting
- Shutters & Awnings
- Signage
- Porches and Patios
- Exterior Walls
- Windows
- Interior Additions
- Code Compliance
- Streetscape
- Landscaping

INELIGIBLE

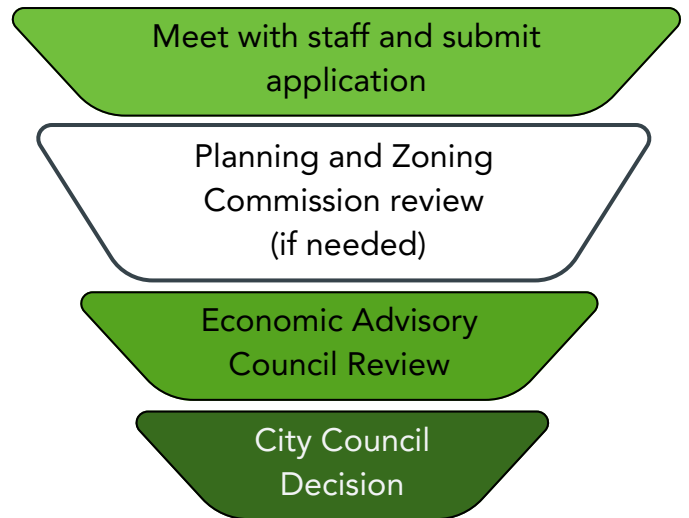
- Permit Fees
- Pest Extermination
- Title/Legal costs
- Property Aquisitions
- Parking Lots
- Prior Work

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Application and Review Process

(Timing: ~1 month)



Restrictive Covenant

The city requires a covenant to prevent using the grant to quickly flip the property and requires repayment if sold within five years.

Year of Sale	Repayment Percent
Less than one year	100%
Less than two years	80%
Less than three years	60%
Less than four years	40%
Less than five years	20%