



# IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS 2025

## QUICK FACTS:

- Applications must be submitted before any work is done
- Letter of Approval: once an application has been received and reviewed, DFI will send a letter of approval. When (and only when) you have received a letter of approval, work may begin. Expenses incurred prior to the approval letter date will not be considered eligible for project claims.
- Work must be completed AND, claim form (including proof of payment) must be submitted before **November 30, 2025**.
- Contact [dfi@downtownfredericton.ca](mailto:dfi@downtownfredericton.ca) / **458-8922** for an application form and complete application process and conditions.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This funding program is administered by Downtown Fredericton Inc. The program is intended to provide financial incentive and aid to property owners and tenants to improve the exterior appearance, security and overall value of their properties.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All non-residential property owners and tenants located within the Downtown Fredericton Business Improvement Area. All outstanding receivables, including Business Improvement Area levies for the subject property, must be up to date to be eligible for a grant under these programs.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications, including written cost estimates, must be submitted to Downtown Fredericton Inc. prior to the commencement of any work.

Applications are evaluated by a committee and the amount of funds awarded will be determined based on the evaluation of the application.

Three intake times are available:

- Proposals submitted by February 28th will be evaluated by March 31st
- Proposals submitted by March 31st will be evaluated by May 31st
- Proposals submitted by May 31st will be evaluated by August 31st
- Tenants must show written consent and approval from property owners by having them sign the Improvement Program Application Form.
- Improvement grants are available across three defined intake periods on a first-come, first-served basis until the annual budget allocation has been depleted. Funds must be claimed with a final report by November 30th.



# AVAILABLE GRANTS

## 1. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT

Façades are defined as the outside wall, which borders on a street, parking lot, walkway or public alleyway. Façades that border on narrow corridors between buildings or that will have a structure constructed along that façade in the future are not eligible to receive assistance.

**Eligible Work:** Painting, Siding, Windows, Doors, Awnings and fixtures, Outdoor patios (excluding wooden fencing or rails), Permanent window displays, Reconstruction, Accessibility improvements, Signage and professional consultations, graffiti removal.

**Available Funding Assistance:** Funding assistance is available for eligible improvements of commercial buildings within the BIA. Façade Improvement Assistance of up to 50% of the total costs to a maximum of \$4000 per façade with a maximum of two façades per application may be available.

## 2. SECURITY IMPROVEMENT

This program is designed to help private commercial property owners/tenants to identify safety and security concerns for their property. Grants are intended to aid in the design and implementation of measures taken to respond to and encourage a reduction in vandalism, trespassing and other security issues. (example: installation of security cameras).

**Eligible work:** Professional consultation; identification, design and installation of exterior lighting and security cameras on buildings, in alleyways, driveways, and parking areas; fencing or other aides to improve the security of the property; security cameras, enhanced/technology-enabled locks and alarm systems.

**Available Funding Assistance:** Funding assistance is available to assist in securing a building and property. Funding assistance up to 50% of the total costs to a maximum of \$4,000 per property.

## 3. BEAUTIFICATION IMPROVEMENT

The first impressions of our patrons and visitors are so important and this starts with providing an attractive safe, clean, and pedestrian friendly downtown.

**Eligible work:** Flowers, Shrubs, Planters, Flowerpots, Plants, Trees, Window Boxes, and/ or other permanent or seasonal aesthetic enhancements.

**Available Funding Assistance:** Funding assistance is available for eligible beautification improvements on the exterior of commercial properties and businesses. Funding assistance up to 50% of total costs to a maximum of \$500 per property.

For an Improvement Program Application Form Contact

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