

# Façade Improvement Program

## Fact Sheet

### *What is the Great Streets Façade Improvement Program?*

The City of Minneapolis has approved \$25,000 in grant money for the Chicago Avenue & Tenth Street Façade Improvement Program. The boundaries of this district are: Ninth Street on the north, I-94 on the south, Elliot Avenue on the east, and Portland Avenue on the west. This program is designed to provide assistance grant money for façade improvements that enhance and benefit the business community. Improvements may include: painting, tuckpointing, murals, windows, awnings, signage (billboards and roof signs are not included), exterior lighting, etc.

### *Who is eligible to receive grant money?*

Any existing business or commercial building owner whose business or building is located within the boundaries of this grant as described above. The improvement project should comply with the Great Streets Façade Design Guide (ask for a copy of the Guide before proceeding with your project).

### *How much grant money is available per address?*

Each address is eligible for up to \$5,000 in a 1:1 matching grant. Note: no project is too small to qualify, and you can apply for more than one improvement project per address as long as the total granted amount does not exceed \$5,000.

### *How do I apply for a grant?*

Call or email Christine Merz-Watt at 612-226-2767 or [SDL.Development@hotmail.com](mailto:SDL.Development@hotmail.com). You will be asked to provide verification that property taxes have been paid. You will need a written description of your project and any drawings or other materials that describe the scope and intent of your project improvements, including photographs of the building as it currently looks. You will also need 2 bids for identical scopes of work and evidence that contractors are licensed, bonded and insured. East Downtown Council will review any necessary permits and/or proof of inspections.