



CITY OF AURORA 2025 ONE AURORA NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT GUIDELINES

REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY

(Projects must be completed to be eligible to apply, this is a reimbursement award application for up to \$1,000)

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must reside within the limits of the City of Aurora.
2. Applicant must be able to demonstrate the exterior beautification results through photographs both before and after of the front or side (if a corner home).
3. Homeowners with prior authorization from Homeowner's Association, **and** verification from HOA that the project reimbursement is not an HOA covered expense may apply. Proof must be provided.
4. To ensure inclusiveness for the City's different low- and moderate-income-level residents:

Applicant total household income must be **at or less** than the 2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Limits shown in the table below.

Household of 1 person	Household of 2 people	Household of 3 people	Household of 4 people	Household of 5 people	Household of 6 people	Household of 7 people	Household of 8 people +
\$67,150	\$76,750	\$86,350	\$95,900	\$103,600	\$111,250	\$118,950	\$126,600

5. One-time funding assistance range between \$250 and not to exceed \$1,000 per house. **A budget, detailed project receipts/paid invoices, exterior before and after time/date stamped pictures of the front or side of a corner home must be submitted along with the funding application.**
6. If your application is approved and you receive a reimbursement award under this program, a W-9 will be required once the application is approved and a 1099 will be issued. **Please note that this reimbursement award is considered taxable income and may be subject to IRS reporting requirements. If awarded, recipients may receive a Form 1099 for the amount of reimbursement, as required by federal tax regulations. Award recipients should consult a tax professional for guidance.*
7. Projects may or may not be awarded for the full amount requested. As part of the reimbursement process, the City will determine cost reasonableness based upon the scope of the applicant's project.
8. Eligible uses of funds are limited to reimbursement for outdoor home beautification project materials and supplies. Funds may not be used for permit fees and/or purchase of equipment.

9. Outdoor beautification may include, but is not limited to paint, window and door screen repairs, siding repairs, general landscaping, fencing improvements, small repairs that affect the exterior presentation of the home.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. Only projects completed after January 1, 2025, are eligible and project completion is required by December 31, 2025.
2. The ONE Aurora Neighborhood Empowerment Program does not discriminate based on gender, age, race, religion, ethnic background, economics or disability.
3. Funding requests for projects that could be covered under the City's other housing rehabilitation programs are ineligible. Additionally, work covered by insurance or warranty policies is also ineligible. Other restrictions may apply.
4. To avoid conflicts of interest, current City of Aurora employees, agents, consultants, officers, and elected/appointed officials, as well as their immediate household members, are ineligible for this Program.

REQUIREMENTS

1. All applicants are required to provide proof of the work completed and meet the income eligibility criteria stated in #4 of the Eligibility section above.
2. The City of Aurora, through the program administrators, reserves the right to request an onsite visit prior to releasing funds.
3. The application, supporting pictures, and documentation pertaining to the beautification project completed must be submitted to the Community Services Department and will be subject to verification.
4. Any reimbursement application for work performed where the owner has a Homeowner's Association (HOA) must be accompanied by a notarized letter from the HOA or other documentation verifying that the project completed is not covered/paid for/reimbursable by the HOA.
5. Property and applicants must be in Good Standing with the City of Aurora with no outstanding fees or violations.
6. All beautification projects must comply with permits, policies and safety requirements as set forth by the City of Aurora Ordinances, Aurora Police Department, Aurora Fire Department and/or the Aurora City Council.
7. Checks will only be made out to beautification project applicant who must be the owner and resident of the home where the beautification project was completed. No checks will be made out to individuals other than the applicant who has met the requirements as stated in this, Requirement section. Reimbursement checks will be mailed out approximately 30 days after your application is approved.
8. Submitting application does not constitute approval. Funding recommendations are subject to the City of Aurora's Community Services Department approval once receipt of complete application with supporting documentation has been reviewed.
9. The City of Aurora reserves the right to withdraw funding if the above-mentioned guidelines are not fully met.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact (630) 256-3408.

CHECKLIST CRITERIA CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING APPLICATIONS

- ___ 1. Is the beautification project for a home within City of Aurora boundaries?
- ___ 2. Does the applicant meet the HUD income guidelines?
- ___ 3. Does the applicant own and reside in the home where the project was completed?
- ___ 4. Was the exterior beautification project completed to the front (or side of a corner home)?
- ___ 5. Is the application submitted for materials and supplies purchased for beautification project?
- ___ 6. Is the applicant able to provide **copies** of receipts, and before and after photos of the beautification project?
- ___ 7. Was the beautification project completed after 01/01/2025?
- ___ 8. Does the applicant give consent to the City of Aurora to publicize and share pictures of the beautification project for promotional purposes? (Consent is NOT necessary to participate in the ONE Aurora Neighborhood Empowerment Program).
- ___ 9. Has the applicant applied for or received financial assistance under the City's other housing rehabilitation programs, including Ward grant programs? If so, you are NOT eligible to apply.

REVIEW PROCESS

1. The City's Community Services Department staff receive the application and reviews it for eligibility and completeness. Applications received without the required documentation will not be considered.
2. Eligibility is based on the criteria listed above and the receipts and accompanying before and after pictures.
3. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
4. **Funding Awards will be granted on a first come first served basis while funds remain available.**