



## 2024 CARE Grant Program Information



Curb Appeal Residential Enhancement (CARE) Grant Program **application deadline is February 29th, 2024.** Apply online at <https://www.anokaminnesota.com/710/CARE-Grant-Program> **beginning January 1st, 2024.** Recipients will be chosen by lottery drawing to be held on Friday, March 1st at 3:00pm. The CARE Grant Program lottery event will occur in person at Anoka City Hall. Applicants do not need to be present to win.

### Program Intent

The intent of the CARE Grant Program is to pay a portion of project costs to Anoka property owners who will make certain exterior improvements to the front (street side) of their home, increasing its curb appeal which benefits the entire community. There are no income limits to participate in this program.

### Eligibility Requirements (all conditions must be met to be eligible)

- ◇ 1 to 4 unit buildings, owner-occupied, single family, townhome, twin home, or condo
- ◇ My home is located in Anoka, MN and has homestead status with Anoka County Property Records. Relative homestead is not eligible.
- ◇ I am current on my Anoka County property taxes.
- ◇ My property value is less than \$350,000 based on Anoka County estimated property value.
- ◇ My projects include at least one item from the Beautification Project List. See list below.
- ◇ My projects will be visible from the street in front of my house.
- ◇ None of my projects are covered, or will be covered, by an insurance claim.
- ◇ Work cannot begin until the required paperwork has been submitted to the Anoka HRA and a Grant Award Certificate has been provided to and signed by homeowner.

#### **\*\*REQUIRED\*\***

#### **Beautification Projects (25% Grant)**

#### **All applications must include at least one from this list.**

- ◇ Front door, storm door, and/or garage door
- ◇ Sidelight windows by front door
- ◇ Exterior lighting
- ◇ Columns at front door
- ◇ Covered front porch
- ◇ Brick, stone, or shake siding
- ◇ Alter roofline on front of house
- ◇ Permanent landscaping (includes tree trimming, removal and replacement of overgrown and/or dead items, planting new trees, shrubs, plants, and/or perennial flowers) \$250 minimum
- ◇ Driveway, sidewalk (repair or replace, stamped concrete)
- ◇ Window boxes, shutters (add or replace)
- ◇ Screening of utility boxes and/or garbage and recycling cans
- ◇ Fence (add, repair, or replace)

## Optional Basic Projects (15% Grant)

- ◇ Roof
- ◇ Siding
- ◇ Painting
- ◇ Soffit
- ◇ Fascia
- ◇ Trim
- ◇ Gutters
- ◇ Windows

If any of these items are completed on the front of the house, then the cost for the project to be completed around all sides of the house would be eligible.

- ◎ Chimney Repair, tuck pointing, repointing
- ◎ Deck—Front or Side Yard—visible from front of house (repair or replace)
- ◎ Porch Deck—Front or Side Yard—visible from front of house (repair or replace)
- ◎ Retaining Wall (repair or replace)

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## Grant

Between \$1,000-\$5,000. Homeowners must pay at least \$4,000 of their own funds to be eligible to receive the minimum grant amount of \$1,000 from the Anoka HRA. Grant dollars do not need to be repaid. Grants will equal either 15% or 25% of the applicant's individual project amounts depending upon the scope of work. If the scope of work includes qualifying projects from both categories, then the grant amount will be determined individually in each category. Collectively, the combined grant amount must be \$1,000 or more (maximum \$5,000) to be eligible. Cost of tools are not eligible for grant dollars.

## Grant Award Steps (if you are chosen in the lottery, grant dollars will be reserved for you at Step 8)

- 1) Submit CARE Grant Program Application—**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024**
- 2) Determine your project list
- 3) Collect bids from contractors and/or material lists from suppliers (for do-it yourself projects)
- 4) Optional—Apply for and secure additional financing
- 5) Email your bid(s) and/or material lists to the City of Anoka HRA
- 6) Apply for permits
- 7) Sign the Grant Award Certificate with HRA Staff
- 8) Schedule your contractor to begin work
- 9) Complete work and have all permitted work inspected and approved by the Building Department

## Financing—Optional

Grant dollars only pay for a portion of the project costs. The City of Anoka HRA has 0% interest loans available to help finance the balance of your project. For more information, please contact the Lending Center at the Center for Energy and Environment at 612-335-5884 or [www.mncee.org/anoka](http://www.mncee.org/anoka).