

UPTON FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



RECEIVE UP TO

\$15,000!

QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS:

- New entrance/doorway
- Window display areas
- Attractive signage
- Awnings or canopies
- Exterior painting
- Other approved items
(cleaning, repointing, etc.)

ONLY 1-3 BUSINESSES SELECTED
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

This program provides funding to businesses with street-facing storefronts to renovate or improve the building appearance, enhance exterior signage, prevent building deterioration, and remove any architectural hindrances.



BEFORE



AFTER

IS YOUR BUSINESS ELIGIBLE?

If you are a commercial property owner or a tenant, see the reverse side for eligibility criteria. Priority is given to businesses in Upton Center & along Rt. 140.

SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION TO:

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Town Planner

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria apply to all Upton applicants and prospective projects:

1. Applicants must be property owners or commercial tenants whose storefronts face streets in the identified commercial districts.
2. Commercial tenants must offer goods or services that are open to the public.
3. Preference will be given to independent businesses not required by contractual arrangement to maintain standardized décor, architecture, signs, or similar features.
4. Preference will be given to businesses owned by historically disadvantaged persons (women, people of color, veterans, individuals that are disabled, and members of the LGBTQ+ community).
5. Tenants must have written approval from property owners to participate and must have a current lease that is for a minimum of one year and with an option to renew. Month-to-month leases will not be accepted.
6. Proposed improvements must be permanent and physically attached to the storefront.
7. Property owners must be up to date on all municipal taxes prior to participation in the program.
8. Applicants must comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to licensing, permits, building code, accessibility regulations, and zoning requirements.
9. The Town of Upton reserves the right to apply additional criteria before accepting a project if program demand exceeds budgeted resources.
10. These eligibility requirements may be waived in certain instances at the discretion of the program's Design Review Committee.

Funding recipients cannot remove or alter any improvements funded through the program for ten years. One contracting firm and one architectural firm will complete all projects undertaken in the program.

**APPLY
HERE:**

<https://www.uptonma.gov/town-planner/pages/mendon-upton-facade-improvement-program>