

RENOVATING YOUR STOREFRONT: GUIDELINES

- Original lines, proportions, features and materials should be retained.
- Repair rather than replace distinctive architectural features. New materials should match the original in composition, design and texture.
- Replace items that hide or detract from the historic character of the building with ones that enhance it.
- Some alterations over time are part of a building's history and should be maintained.
- Clean brick, wood and all surfaces using the gentlest means.
- Retain existing windows, doors, trim, decoration, and other details.
- Integrate upper floor façade in the design.
- The original roof shape should be kept.
- Canvas awnings are appropriate.
- Historic paint colors should be used to show the distinct character of the building.
- Construction materials should be appropriate to the historic storefront.
- Signs should be easy to read. A storefront should not have more than two signs. Plastic, back-lit signs can not be used. Single-lettering signs are appropriate.
- Consult the [Design Guidelines for Commercial Building Facades](#) in the pre-application packet for more information.
- Consult the [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#) for more information.

To find out if your storefront is eligible for a façade renovation grant contact:

**The Community
Development
Program of Beaver
County**
1013 Eighth Avenue
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
(724) 847-3889

Other Downtown Revitalization Programs:

Main Street Architect Program - Renderings and/or drawings for rehabilitations of main street buildings.

Main Street Network - Information and staff support for local downtown revitalization organizations.

Streetscape - Improving the look of downtown commercial districts.

**The Board of Beaver
County Commissioners**

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FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Renovating your storefront can be exciting and challenging. An inviting storefront attracts customers and enhances the downtown. Renovating a storefront takes time, focus and money, but the final product of a good renovation will be well worth it.

The Façade Improvement Program (FIP) enables building or business owners to renovate their storefronts and receive reimbursement up to \$20,000 per commercial occupied/available storefront address.

Grants for façade renovations are also available for smaller projects such as signs, awnings, painting, etc.

The project must be located within the designated downtown area and approved by the Local Revitalization Organization of the town-in which the building is located.

Participating downtowns:

- Aliquippa
- Ambridge
- Beaver
- Beaver Falls
- Bridgewater
- Freedom
- Midland
- Monaca
- New Brighton
- Rochester