



# Jeffersonville Main Street Inc.

## Front Porch Project Home Improvement Program 2025-2026 Grant Guidelines & Application *To improve your home's exterior, not just the porch!*

Purpose of the grant funds: Jeffersonville Main Street Inc. recognizes that the downtown commercial area is strengthened by having healthy and vibrant neighborhoods nearby. Restoring and rehabilitating the neighborhoods of downtown Jeffersonville is an important part of making our community more livable. The Front Porch Project is a matching grant program that will assist property owners in restoring and rehabilitating homes within parts of the Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Zone and the Old Jeffersonville Historic District. Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes. Examples of work that would qualify include painting a house, repairing wooden windows, rebuilding a porch, repairing wood clapboard siding, and repairing or replacing doors. The Jeffersonville Main Street Design Committee will review applications and make selections for funding. Each application will be evaluated on its own merits and how it fits into the goals of the Front Porch Project.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE 8/21/2025: Applications must be at Jeffersonville Main Street's office at 401 Pearl Street or email to [info@JeffMainStreet.org](mailto:info@JeffMainStreet.org) with Front Porch Project in subject line by 4pm on 8/21/2025.**

### General criteria

- Grant funding is available for:  
Owner-occupied residences: \$2,500 maximum grant, with a \$2,500 match (1/1)  
Rental residences: \$2,500 maximum grant, with a \$5,000 match (1/2)  
**Important notes:** Priority will be given to owner-occupied residences. Priority will also be given to applicants who have not received prior funding through the program. **Due to limited availability of grant funds, not all requests may be fully funded.**
- Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes located within the Old Jeffersonville National Register Historic District and/or designated sections of the Urban Enterprise Zone. **The primary target area is the National Register district, and 'contributing' homes within the district will be given the highest priority. Priority will be given to projects that have not been started yet or have been completed within the past 60 days.** All proposed work should strive to comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
- Repairs that are structural in nature are generally not eligible for grant funding, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Grant funding is NOT available for the purchase or rental of tools, machinery or equipment, or for the owner's time spent on work.
- Application must thoroughly describe project and include supplementary materials such as drawings or photographs showing where work will be done, historic photos (if available), budgets and schedule.
- Owner agrees to sign an agreement, which contains a reimbursement requirement in the event that the property is sold within one year of completion of the project.
- The applicant shall comply with all zoning & permitting requirements of the City of Jeffersonville. If the property is located within the locally-designated Old Jeffersonville Historic District, the project will require review & approval by the Historic Preservation Commission or its staff prior to start of work.

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## Grant funds

1. Grant funding is handled on a reimbursement basis. Funds will be disbursed to approved applicants only when receipts of completed work are submitted and approved by the Jeffersonville Main Street Design Committee. Jeffersonville Main Street Inc. reserves the right to observe and monitor the project prior to payment.
2. One hundred percent payment of the approved grant amount will be disbursed only when:
  - the project is completed and approved, and receipts for work are received and approved by the Jeffersonville Main Street Design Committee;
  - the work passes inspection by the City of Jeffersonville Building Inspection Department (where applicable);
  - any non-conforming work is modified as required by the Jeffersonville Design Committee or the City of Jeffersonville Building Inspection Department
3. **NOTE: Grant funded projects must be completed by JUNE 1, 2026 or the grant becomes void.**

## Repayment

Grant recipients must repay all of the funds if any of the following circumstances occurs within one year of completion of the project:

- the building is not maintained to the City of Jeffersonville Building Code
- property changes from residential use to another
- owner performs or arranges for other work (not under this agreement) materially detracting from the historic character or fabric of the exterior of the house
- property is sold or conveyed to another owner

Grant recipients who receive grant funding based on owner-occupied residential use of the property must repay fifty percent (50%) of the grant amount if the owner-occupied status of the property changes to rental within one year of completion of the project.

## Required Submittals

1. A signed and completed grant application form with all attachments.
2. Photo of the building, plans and specifications (if available or needed) of proposed work.
3. If application is submitted by someone other than the owner, please submit a letter establishing permission to work on the property. Proof of ownership may be requested.
4. **Application processing fee of \$25. Make check payable to: Jeffersonville Main Street. Or pay online at <http://www.jeffmainstreet.org/support-Jeffersonville-Main-Street> button.**

## Miscellaneous

Applicant acknowledges that Jeffersonville Main Street Inc. may seek recognition for its contribution to any grant-funded project, and agrees to post a 'Front Porch Project' sign (provided by JMSI) at property for at least two weeks. Proof of homeowners insurance & contractor liability insurance may be requested.

## Buy Local First

Applicants are encouraged to purchase materials for their project (for example, paints, primers, stains, paint brushes, rollers, trays, nails, screws, bolts, caulk, cement, electrical supplies, glass, screens, signage, etc.) from businesses within the Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Zone (see map of zone).

For an application form go to [www.JeffMainStreet.org](http://www.JeffMainStreet.org) For info call Laura Renwick at 812-284-4534 or email [LRenwick@indianalandmarks.org](mailto:LRenwick@indianalandmarks.org) or Jay Ellis at 812.283.0301 or email: [info@JeffMainStreet.org](mailto:info@JeffMainStreet.org).

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# GRANT APPLICATION

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Applicant name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where work will be done: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of property owner (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Property owner telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic name of house (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Date constructed (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Place select boxes below to indicate that you have read and will comply with these items:**

- ☐ In order to receive grant funding, applicant acknowledges that Jeffersonville Main Street Inc. (JMSI) may require input on design elements, e.g., paint color, materials used, etc.
- ☐ Applicant will determine if this project needs approval from the City of Jeffersonville's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) before the project starts. Call Laura at 812-284-4534 to verify.
- ☐ My application processing fee of \$25, made payable to Jeffersonville Main Street, is included. If emailing application, then mail check to: Jeffersonville Main Street, Inc., 401 Pearl Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.
- ☐ I will allow JMSI to place a sign in my front yard for up to two weeks promoting the Front Porch Project.

Brief description of your project:

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*If additional space is needed to explain the project, attach additional sheet(s). Drawings, plans or specifications should also be attached.*

Anticipated project start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated project completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2026 (this means work is finished and all receipts for reimbursement have been submitted to Jeffersonville Main Street, Inc.)**

Is the project for which you are requesting grant funds part of a larger rehab project on your home? If yes, explain:

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Have you entered into any contracts relative to this project? If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of project expenses	Your share (1/2) (2/3 for rental property)		Grant share (1/2) (1/3 for rental property)		Total
_____	_____	+	_____	=	_____
_____	_____	+	_____	=	_____
_____	_____	+	_____	=	_____
_____	_____	+	_____	=	_____
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	\$ _____	+	\$ _____	=	\$ _____

Do liens exist on the property? Yes\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_ If yes, describe the liens, including amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you currently reside at the property? Yes\_\_\_ or No\_\_\_ If yes, do you intend to continue to reside there for the next year? Yes or No

### Required Submittals - I am submitting all applicable info below (please check boxes):

☐ Signed and completed grant application with attachments, and \$25 application fee to Jeffersonville Main Street

Photo of the building, basic sketch, plans, and specifications (if needed) of proposed work.

If application is submitted by someone other than the property owner, please submit a letter establishing permission to work on the property. Proof of ownership may be requested.

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*I certify that all information contained in this application and all information provided in support of this application is given for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance in the form of a grant, and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature (print name above and click box below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By checking this box I agree that entering my name above constitutes my signature for the purposes of this grant application.

Return application to: Jeffersonville Main Street Inc., 401 Pearl Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 or email to [info@JeffMainStreet.org](mailto:info@JeffMainStreet.org) APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 4PM on August 21, 2025.

Contact me about volunteering for Jeffersonville Main Street's downtown revitalization work!

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