

ReStore Philadelphia Corridors

Corridor Cleaning & Security Equipment Grant Guidelines

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
ONE PARKWAY, 1515 ARCH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

Purpose

To provide funding for organizations to purchase necessary equipment as part of a comprehensive commercial corridor cleaning or security program.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be a non profit agency, such as a community development corporation or business association.
2. There must be a comprehensive plan for operating a cleaning or security program on a neighborhood commercial corridor where a corridor revitalization strategy or a community plan is in place or under development. Applications must demonstrate that proposed equipment purchase is consistent with the cleaning/security program and with the corridor revitalization strategy.
3. Applicant must obtain three written estimates for requested equipment, to include supplier, make and model specifications, and price.
4. Applicants must demonstrate that their programs have a solid first year operating budget and a realistic and probable five-year operating budget.
5. Applicants must demonstrate that the cleaning or security operating plan is feasible and will be initiated within three months of award letter.
6. Funds must be used for purchase of capital equipment. Examples of eligible equipment are: Security Cameras and Monitors, Security Vehicles, Cleaning Machines. Equipment maintenance plans, purchased at the time of equipment purchase, are also eligible. If you have questions about eligible costs, contact Andy Frishkoff, NTI, 215-683-2025.

Application & Approval Process

1. The anticipated grant range is up to 100% of an eligible equipment purchase, from \$7,500 to \$75,000. These grants will be paid out as reimbursement or dual-party check to grantee and vendor for work/purchases that occur on or after date of Grant Agreement. Applicants are advised to NOT sign contracts or pay any deposits before receiving an award letter.
2. Applicant must complete and submit application to the City through the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) office.
3. Preference will be given to those programs that meet the following criteria:
 - a. Need for requested equipment and desirability of proposed service to a commercial corridor.
 - b. Strength of operations plan and service frequency and area.
 - c. Reputation and reliability of equipment and equipment vendor.
 - d. Demonstrated coordination with City departments, i.e. Streets Department, Police Department.
 - e. Demonstrated coordination with other City priorities, such as: open space and greening; transit-oriented development; safer streets; energy conservation.
4. The City has an Equal Opportunity Plan (EOP) for this program, with goals for participation of minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-owned business enterprises, and economically disadvantaged-owned business enterprises (M/W/DS-DBEs) and employment of minority and women workers. The following are the overall EOP goals for the Commercial Corridors Bond Program:
 - a. 35% for minority-owned contractors/consultants (M-DBEs), 12% for women-owned contractors/consultants (W-DBEs), 2% for disabled-owned contractors/consultants (DS-DBEs); and
 - b. 43% minority workforce and 7% female workforceNTI will submit approved applications to Minority Business Enterprise Council (MBEC) for determination of appropriate M/W/DSBE participation ranges for each project.
5. PIDC drafts and executes Grant Agreement. The client should proceed with the agreed upon equipment purchase in compliance with any special conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement.
6. Additional documentation to be submitted to NTI prior to disbursement of grant monies, includes: Invoices and Reporting of M/W/DSBE participation.