2026 Residential Exterior Beautification Program

Stewartville Economic Development Authority

Program Intent

Stewartville's Economic Development Authority (EDA) was established to attract, promote, and develop an economically sound future for the City. The EDA continues to be a professional advocate for the business community; they provide ideas, information, financial packaging, and expertise in business development and retention. The EDA's objective is to make Stewartville an even better place to live, work, and do business.

The EDA established this program to enhance and improve the outward appearance of residential properties throughout Stewartville. The goal is to encourage the beautification of existing home exteriors and strengthen the overall character and curb appeal of Stewartville's neighborhoods. All improvements must be highly visible from the public right-of-way.

Program Funding

$50,000 total has been designated for programming

The program will accept applications starting **January 1st, 2026.** Applications will be reviewed in the order they were received. No applications will be accepted after **July 31st, 2026.** If you have been approved for this program in the past, you may apply again after **May 1st, 2026.**

Match Requirement: 25% of total project cost

Minimum Grant Project: $1,000

Applicants have the option to apply for one of the two project types included in the program.

Option 1 - Hired Contractors
- Up to **$5,000**
- Requires two estimates of an equivalent project scope for project completion

Option 2 - DIY Projects
- Up to **$2,500**
- Requires two material lists for the same project scope used for project completion

NO WORK MAY BEGIN PRIOR TO EDA APPROVAL

All projects **must** be completed with submitted invoices and completion photos on or before **December 31st, 2026.** Any projects not completed and/or submitted for reimbursement by that time will not be eligible for reimbursement irrespective of approval.

Eligible Properties & Projects

Eligible Properties:

- Existing single-family homes within Stewartville City Limits with county-assessed Total Market Value under $ 275,000

- Eligible properties must be zoned residential

- Single-family homes within the business district are deemed eligible

- This program is only eligible for homeowners

Please note: Property must not have any outstanding obligations to the City (including delinquent payments or property taxes), applicant must own the property and project must have all required permits and approvals (if necessary).

Eligible Projects:

Projects must enhance and improve the appearance of the property. All improvements must be highly visible and located at the front of the property—backyard projects are not eligible.

- Structure removal
- Garage door or front door replacement
- Exterior lighting installation or upgrades
- Power washing of the building exterior
- Tree or stump removal
- Exterior painting and repairs
- Window replacement
- Decorative railing or fencing installation
- Decorative brickwork
- Siding replacement or repair
- Step or stairway improvements
- Landscaping and green space enhancements
- Roofing work

Application Process

1. **Submission of Application**
   - All applications will be reviewed in the order they were received
   - Incomplete applications will not be accepted
   - Email your completed application and photos over to Cassandra Jefferson at cjefferson@stewartvillemn.com

2. **Application Review**
   - The application will be reviewed by City staff and the EDA Finance Committee for recommendation to bring to the EDA Board

3. **Application Decision**
   - Once the application has been given official recommendation, the application will be added to the agenda for the next EDA meeting
   - EDA will approve or deny your application at the next scheduled meeting - it is recommended that you attend to present your project

4. **Project Work**
   - Once the application is approved - you may now start work on the project

5. **Reimbursement**
   - When the project is completed, you will need to provide the City with pictures of the completed project and a copy of the "Paid Invoice"
   - Once you submit these items, Council will approve your reimbursement check at the next meeting
   - Please reach out to Cassandra Jefferson if you would prefer to have your check mailed out to you or if you would prefer to pick it up at City Hall

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Stewartville Economic Development Authority

Name: _____ Date:_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parcel ID # (Found on tax statement) _____

Project Summary:

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Total Project Cost: _____ Total Amt. Requested: _____
(75% of Total Project Cost)

Applicant Certification

We, the undersigned certify that the information submitted is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge, that we have read, understand, and will comply with the program guidelines. We understand that this application will be reviewed based on the information provided herein and that if the final project does not meet minimum program guidelines, the City reserves the right to deny payment. We confirm that if approved, the City may use the approved business' name and information in promotional/publicity materials, events, etc. But for the assistance provided through this program by the Stewartville Economic Development Authority, we would not have the resources to complete this project or to complete this project to the extent that we will with assistance.

_____   _____
Name/Title (Printed)   *Name/Title (Printed)*

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Signature   *Date*   *Signature*   *Date*

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2026 Residential Exterior Beautification Program Application Checklist:

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Required Application Documentation

- ☐ Completed and signed application form

- ☐ Cost estimates from two different vendors/stores for equivalent project scope (We encourage you to do business local!)

- ☐ Project plans

- ☐ Picture of property BEFORE work begins

- ☐ If necessary - Email confirmation from City Clerk that project is compliant with permitting and ordinances (croeder@stewartvillemn.com)

Required Application Documentation

- ☐ Picture of property after the project is completed

- ☐ Proof of payment - paid invoice, receipt, etc.

Local Financing Options

Should you wish to explore financing options for your project, the following local banks are willing to consider applications.

*Please note, a conversation with or application to one of these banks does not automatically result in approval. All terms and evaluations of applications will be negotiated by and with the individual bank personnel/committees.Furthermore, the listing of banks is provided in alphabetical order. It does not indicate a level of preference or performance.

Bremer Bank
Contact: Mike Rainey
Email: MARainey@bremer.com

First Farmers and Merchants Bank
Contact: Dave Feddersen
Email: davidfeddersen@ffmbank.com

Eagle Rock Bank
Contact: Josh Buckmeier
Email: jbuckmeier@eaglerock.bank

First Alliance Credit Union
Contact: Rosalina Fombuena
Email: rfombuena@firstalliancecu.com

Local Contractors

If you anticipate on hiring a contractor to complete your project, we encourage you to support local business!

- WAOUM Carpentry..507.269.1494
- A.B Systems Inc...507.288.9397
- ABC Supply Co...507.512.0529
- Ausrud Tile & Stone Co..507.261.7489
- Bluff Country Tree Service LLC..............................507.251.4775
- Byrne Construction Inc..507.208.1245
- Complete Outdoor Service......................................507.696.7879
- Exterior Cleaning Solutions....................................507.273.8017
- Hildebrandt Services LLC.......................................507.208.6228
- Kuisle Construction LLC...507.421.7369
- Lewis Restoration..507.252.6959
- Link's Outdoor Services LLC...................................507.259.5066
- Plumbing Solutions..507.923.5973
- Radcliffe Homes..507.533.8295
- Reliable Contractors Inc...507.288.4600
- Rochester Ground..507.288.1131
- Root River Tree Service..507.218.1585
- S&S Overhead Door...507.721.8635
- Schneider Construction...507.244.1044
- Schwickerts Tecta America......................................507.281.0611
- Service Solutions Center...507.292.8862