



PITCH YOUR PORCH APPLICATION

2024

The Pitch Your Porch (PYP) Grant Program is designed to assist property and business owners in rehabilitating the commercial facades of their buildings for the purpose of creating a positive visual impact throughout the downtown districts of Pawnee County communities. Fund focus is geared toward restaurants, hospitality, and downtown businesses that support shopping districts to complement other community development efforts.

Our goal is simple. We want to provide you with the resources needed to improve the exterior appearance of your business.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for the PYP Program, businesses must have:

- ❖ A physical presence and must be registered and licensed pursuant to current Kansas Business Guidelines.
- ❖ All businesses must be current on both County and State Tax liabilities and currently open to the public.
- ❖ Business must be currently in operation by application deadline – June 7th, 2024.
- ❖ Only new projects will be considered for this grant competition and must be ready to begin following the competition on June 18th, 2024.

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES:

- ❖ Cleaning, preparation, and painting of exterior walls and trim.
 - ❖ Cleaning and/or re-pointing of brick, and other masonry.
 - ❖ Installation of siding materials.
 - ❖ Outdoor dining fencing.
 - ❖ Trash can fencing.
 - ❖ Signage.
 - ❖ Replacement of deteriorated windows, doors, and or/framing visible from the street.
 - ❖ Removal and/or installation of awnings, canopies, or shutters.
 - ❖ Accent lighting.
 - ❖ Murals & external beautification.
- **ALL IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE VISABLE FROM STREET VIEW.**

INELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLES:

- ❖ Improvements not visible to public streets and sidewalks.
- ❖ Interior improvements.
- ❖ Non-façade improvements such as roofs, structural foundations, billboards, security systems, nonpermanent fixtures, parking lots, security bars, interior window coverings.
- ❖ Items related to business operations.
 - (i.e., inventory, business equipment, etc.)
- ❖ New construction.
- ❖ Property acquisition.
- ❖ Expansion of building area.
- ❖ Conversion of use.
- ❖ Refinance of existing debt.
- ❖ Payment of delinquent taxes.

AWARDS:

A total of \$3,000 is available to be awarded to 5 businesses. Grants will be awarded up to \$3,000 per business (the maximum amount a single business can receive). Owners/tenants can spend more than \$3,000 on a project, but the grant will only award \$3,000 with a 25% match on the project (see details below). Interested owners/tenants must fill out an application prior to June 7th, 2024, deadline. Applications will be considered by the PYP Grant Review Committee to determine eligibility for the PYP Competition and to assure, through an equitable process, that the application meets all applicable design guidelines. Applicants will also be required to adhere to all requirements as prescribed by the City and County codes in which the business is located. All permits must be obtained prior to any building improvements as required by the County/Municipality. The completed work must adhere to the final design plans agreed to with the PYP Grant Committee to ensure final payment. Applicants can use visual aids, Power Point presentations, etc. during the pitch competition to strengthen their opportunity to be awarded the grant.

AWARD GUIDELINES:

- ❖ There is a minimum 25% match (\$750) on the \$3,000 granted amount required by the awardee for the grant.
- ❖ All improvements must meet local, state, and federal codes.
- ❖ Funds will **NOT** be deposited into businesses accounts. The businesses must send paid invoices to the PCEDC Director to be reimbursed.
- ❖ Businesses can utilize as many vendors as they like as long as they stay within the \$3,000 awarded.
- ❖ Businesses will have up to 1 year from the competition scheduled on June 18th, 2024 to use the awarded funds.



PAWNEE COUNTY PYP APPLICATION

Business Name:			
Business Name or Building Name:			
Physical Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Email:			
Phone #:			
Type of Business:			
Date Business Opened:		Are you the Property Owner?	YES / NO
<p>What does your business do to give back to your respective community?</p> <p>(Please write a 2-3 sentence response)</p>			
<p>Please describe a detailed plan of you upgrade for your porch and explain how this will make it more appealing:</p> <p>(Use additional pages as needed)</p>			

<p>Estimates if obtained & quotes/pricing (Flowers, Planters, benches, etc.) It is encouraged that local vendors be used when possible</p> <p>(Use additional pages as needed)</p>	
<p>Is your business planning on working with a local contractor?</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>If YES, list who (or purchasing local if items, products, services are available):</p>	
<p>Is this a current or On-Going Project?</p>	
<p>Timeline for Completion:</p>	
<p>Visual Impact on Community Appearance:</p>	
<p>Ability to increase traffic and sales through improvements:</p>	

****As part of the application, you will also need to submit a current picture of your store front to be considered.****

Please submit your completed application by Friday, June 7th, 2024 to be considered for a Pawnee County PYP Grant. Applications must be submitted through VentureDash.

For questions, contact the Pawnee County Economic Development Commission at 620-285-6916 or larnedcofc@gbta.net, or stop by 502 Broadway, Larned, KS 67550 during normal business hours.