



Turtle Creek Curb Appeal Mini-Matching Grant

The National Association of Realtors reports that curb appeal sells 49% of all houses.

The Turtle Creek Development Corporation (TCDC) has an exciting opportunity to assist homeowners in Turtle Creek with exterior home improvement projects that will boost the curb appeal of their home. TCDC is accepting applications for exterior home improvement projects from current Turtle Creek homeowners/renters to receive up to 50% (of a maximum of \$150)

Why curb appeal?

- A recent study found that good landscaping can add 7 - 15% to your home's value
- Experts consistently say that landscaping and curb appeal projects have the best return on investment
- Exterior improvements can improve safety for the homeowners and the street
- Neighborhoods with beautiful exteriors create a more welcoming environment for visitors and potentially new homeowners
- Many exterior projects can help the interior of the home, as well. For instance, Energy Star qualified windows and doors can cut your energy bill by 15%

Potential Projects Could Include:

- New windows and doors will make your house sparkle and can save you heating costs. As an additional bonus, they also can make your home safer, depending on your current doors and windows.
- Outside lamps can beautify a lawn, while lighted areas tend to be safer at night.
- Window boxes can instantly brighten the outside of the house and they make it harder to break into windows.
- Replace hardware (numbers, handles, etc) and upgrade the mailbox. Not only will it change the look of your house, house numbers that stand out are important for emergency personnel.
- Create gardens or plant trees - both of which improve air quality, home values and health of individuals.
- Add a new coat of paint to the outside, instantly updating the look of your house.
- Build a neighbor friendly fence around your yard to protect your property and maintaining the sense of neighborhood.
- Replace rusty gutters and downspouts to protect your foundation, keep your house looking fresh and avoid puddles of water that attract mosquitoes.
- Freshen up your entryway or porch with a new railing, flower urns or a new coat of paint to create an appealing first impression.



Contact Name:

Address:

Applicant phone: ()

Grant amount sought:

Briefly describe your project.

Describe any work to be completed by contractor(s). (Attach detailed estimates from all contractors.)

Describe any work you will be completing privately.

Budget:

Materials: \$

Labor: \$

On a separate sheet provide any sketches, photos of space, or any other supporting details that may better describe your project.



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The intent of this matching program is to:

1. Encourage the investment of private money in Turtle Creek
2. Improve home values, beautification of the community and safety in Turtle Creek

Criteria

1. Projects that will help to increase home value
2. Projects that will increase the overall safety of a home and/or street
3. Projects that will increase the overall aesthetics of Turtle Creek

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a home owner in an owner occupied residence in Turtle Creek OR a renter in a residence in Turtle Creek with the approval of the property owner to make improvements.
2. Project must be approved by TCDC before work begins. Any work that occurs before approval will not be eligible to be used as a match.
3. TCDC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject applications that, in the opinion of the organization, do not meet the intent and criteria of the Program

Additional Requirements

1. An application must be completed and approved by TCDC before work begins on the project
2. Maximum fund that can be requested is 50% of the project total, up to a maximum of \$150. Owner is responsible for the other 50% or more.
3. Funds will be released after the homeowner pays full price and produces sufficient record of money paid (ex. receipt or copy of check) and project completion (before and after photos).
4. Only one application per person.
5. Projects deemed eligible will be funded on a first come first serve basis
6. All projects must comply with Turtle Creek zoning ordinances. Failure to comply is the responsibility of the homeowner. Please check with Turtle Creek Borough for information.
7. The homeowner assumes the responsibility of all insurance and liability of the project. TCDC cannot be held liable.
8. In-kind donations cannot serve as a match for the 50%.



What can I do with an extra \$150?

Curb appeal projects for \$25 or less

- Update house numbers on mailbox and house
- Purchase outdoor walk lights for along the sidewalk
- Buy a motion-sensing security light
- Make your own window box and plant bulbs

Projects for \$50 or less

- Install a decorative porch light
- Purchase a hydrangea shrub
- Lay decorate cobblestone as a walk way
- Brighten your porch with flower pots

Projects for \$100 or less

- Upgrade your mailbox
- Paint your front door, trim or shutters
- Plant a tree
- Install a window flower box
- Replace the doorknob

Projects for \$150 or less

- Plant a raised bed flower garden
- Pressure wash your house
- Line a walkway with bricks
- Wash your windows and add decorate moldings
- Buy a new storm door

Projects for \$300 or less

- Buy a new front door
- Replace window shutters
- Edge and mulch flower beds
- Install a picket fence