

Please read the following information carefully before completing an application.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Assist West End BIZ members to improve the physical appearance of their commercial properties.
- To help beautify the area and encourage residents and visitors to support West End businesses.

HOW IT WORKS

For completed projects:

1 Projects completed in the last year from application qualify.

2 Submit an application, including proof of payment**

3 Wait for approval* from the BIZ!

4 Wait for your cheque from the BIZ!

For new projects: Please apply for a BIZ Grant

WHO CAN APPLY

Rebates are available for West End BIZ members only. Members include anyone who owns or operates a [business within the West End BIZ boundary and pays business tax](#). The City of Winnipeg Business Assessment Roll Number is required to apply. Businesses who do not yet have a Roll Number can still apply, however reimbursement will be postponed until the Roll Number is received.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The following are examples and should not be considered as a complete list. Projects not listed may qualify. Contact the BIZ to discuss your project details to see if it qualifies.

- **Painting** of exterior walls.
- **Signage** including decorative awnings and back-lit signs. Submission of sketches is necessary.
- **Facade Improvements** including new awnings, decorative stone and other finishing materials.
- **Entryway improvements**; such as decorative elements and exterior seating.
- **Landscaping** such as laying new gravel, planters, and general improvements.

THE MONEY

25% Of the actual cost before tax,
up to a maximum of \$1,000 every 2 years.ⁱ

HOW TO APPLY

Web: <http://westendbiz.ca/members/biz-membership-benefits/grants/>

Phone: (204) 954-7900

In Person: 581 Portage Ave. Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm

ⁱProjects over \$5,000 will be eligible for additional funding, up to a maximum of \$3,000. For more information see Terms and Conditions in the application form.

***Not all applications will be approved.** Missing information, missing quotes, or incorrect information will determine the outcome of your application. If all information is complete, approval will be based on how well your proposed project fits the program goals and available funds at the time of application.

Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email or mail within two weeks of applying. If all available rebates have been allocated to other members, applicants will be notified that their application will be considered in the next fiscal year.

Multiple improvements can be submitted on one application, however all improvements must have been completed within a year from the original date of application.

****Proof of Payment** is a bill clearly marked as paid AND a copy of a cheque, bank or credit card statement showing the job has been paid (originals will not be accepted). Proof of payment must be submitted no later than 1 year from the date of application. Projects must be completed and all bills paid to be reimbursed. Once proof of payment is submitted, a West End BIZ staff member will perform a site visit to ensure all improvements have been successfully completed. Under extenuating circumstances, applicants must apply in writing before the rebate expires requesting an extension. Extensions will be awarded at the discretion of the BIZ.



**Not sure if your project qualifies?
Need assistance? Have questions?**

**Call or email us:
(204) 954-7900
aaron@westendbiz.ca**

We would love to hear from you!

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Business Name:

Type of Business:

Address:

Number:	Street:		
Postal Code:	Phone:	Fax:	

City of Winnipeg Business Assessment Roll Number*:

Primary Contact Person:

Name:	Email:
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PROJECT INFORMATION

Detailed description (Attach extra sheet if necessary):

For signage and awnings, please attach a sketch or picture.

PROJECT COSTS

Invoice attached

Total cost of project before tax: \$ _____

Proof of Payment attached

*Your Business Assessment Roll Number is provided on the City of Winnipeg Business Tax Statement.

You can look up your number at:

<http://www.winnipegassessment.com/AsmtTax/English/Propertydetails/BASearch.stm>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only West End BIZ (henceforth known as 'WEB') members are eligible for rebates. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Successful applicants will receive written confirmation from WEB within 2 weeks after submitting their completed application.
2. The applicant must demonstrate that their project will enhance the streetscape. Whether or not the project qualifies is up to the discretion of WEB. Multiple improvements may be submitted per application, however all improvements must have been completed within a year from the original date of application.
3. The applicant assumes all responsibility for obtaining permission from the landlord, property owner and/or city to undertake the proposed projects. WEB assumes no responsibility for projects undertaken without permission or necessary permits.
4. The applicant assumes all responsibility for ensuring that proof of payment is submitted within one year from the date of completion of the project. WEB will not be held responsible if proof of payment is not provided within the given time frame. In case of such an event, the grant will be canceled by WEB.
5. The amount listed in the approval letter is the maximum amount eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1000 for each grant/rebate type every 2 years. If all WEB grant funding has been allocated, WEB may file the application to be considered in the next fiscal year. Monthly bills for internet or electricity, taxes, zoning, permits, administration, legal and financing services are not eligible for reimbursement.
6. In cases where the eligible cost of the project is over \$5,000, additional funding will be provided up to a maximum of \$3,000 for projects of \$10,000 or more. Contact the BIZ for more details.
7. The project must be completed and all bills paid to be reimbursed by WEB. The applicant must be operating within the WEB area to qualify for reimbursement. If the applicant moves out of the area before reimbursement, the rebate will be considered to be forfeited.
8. All work must be done by a licensed and/or bonded contractor or other trades-person. No labour performed by a non-licensed or bonded contractor will be eligible for reimbursement. In some cases it may be approved for you to do the work yourself, but in such projects, only the materials will qualify for reimbursement.
9. Before reimbursement, a WEB staff member will perform a site visit to confirm the project has been satisfactorily completed.
11. Terms and conditions of WEB rebates are subject to change without notice. All decisions made by the West End BIZ are final, disputes will be brought to the management board.

AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions.

Name:	
Signature: X	Date: ___/___/___ mm/dd/yy

If the property owner is different from above, provide the following:

Owner's Name:	
Number:	Street:
Postal Code:	Phone:

Has the owner authorized the proposed project? Yes No N/A
 Please attach signed and dated letter of authorization.

Please fill out the following if you authorize the West End BIZ to publish pictures of your improvement project in their Newsletter (print and digital) to be distributed to other BIZ members and the public.

Name:	
Signature: X	Date: ___/___/___ mm/dd/yy

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY	Storefront Improvement Rebate
Business Name:	Rebate Amount:
Date Received:	Total cost of project before tax:
Database Reference #:	Authorized Signatures:
Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/> Declined by Applicant Date: ___/___/___ mm/dd/yy	Amount Paid: _____ Date: ___/___/___ mm/dd/yy
Reason: _____ _____	Cheque #: _____ JE: _____
_____ Initials:	Site Visit: Date: ___/___/___ Initials:
Approval letter sent via: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail Date: ___/___/___ mm/dd/yy	Notes:

Rebate Check List

- Completed application
- Verified Business Assessment Roll Number
- Proof of Payment
- Signed letter of approval for improvements from property owner, if applicable.

**Submit your
completed
application to:**



**Mail: 581 Portage Ave.
WPG, MB R3B 2G2**

Fax: (204) 772-8604

Email: aaron@westendbiz.ca

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