

Security Improvement

Business Security Grant Program

The Business Security Grant Program seeks to develop relationships between corridor businesses and community police officers while at the same time reducing the opportunity for crime by helping business and property owners create a safer environment for employees and customers.

Maximum Awards:

The program provides up to 50% reimbursement to commercial or industrial businesses or property owners for eligible security improvements. 60% reimbursement may be available on a case-by-case basis for utilization of certified Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) firms. Visit www.charlottenc.gov/finance/procurement/cbi for a list of MWSBE firms.

Maximum grant awards are:

All buildings (unless shopping center)	\$5,000
Owners of shopping centers with 3 or more tenants	\$20,000
Individual shopping center tenants	\$2,000

Eligible Improvements:

Based on a security analysis by a certified Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crime Prevention Police Officer, improvements may include Alarm Systems (up to \$500), Ironwork, Gates, Other Modifications, Security Lighting, Fencing, Doors, Locking Devices, Camera, Windows

Eligible Geography:

Business Corridor Revitalization Geography. Check if your address is within the eligible geography here: <https://arcg.is/0nn4WO>

Eligible Applicants

- Owners (or tenants) of for-profit commercial buildings. Use of the building must conform to all current codes and ordinances; non-conforming uses of any kind are not allowed.
- National/regional chains headquartered in Charlotte MSA.
- Prohibited businesses include adult businesses, gambling including sweepstakes and cyber/internet cafes, new construction projects, businesses operating from residential property or residential uses, property owned by non-profit entities, and any non-conforming uses.
- Owners of vacant buildings shall be eligible if the owner's purpose is to rehabilitate the structure to attract eligible businesses. Vacant buildings are subject to a clawback provision if space is occupied by a prohibited business within 12 months.
- Portions of buildings occupied by ineligible businesses of any kind are ineligible for program funds.
- Owners and tenants are eligible to re-apply until the maximum award is reached.
- All real property and other taxes must be paid in full.

How the Program Works

- Applicant submits application to Economic Development.
- A Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) Officer will visit the site to conduct a security analysis and will make security improvement recommendations prioritized in order of importance. The CMPD recommendations, in order of importance as originally ranked by the Officer, are generally the improvements deemed eligible for participation in the program.
- Applicants using certified MWSBE contractors may undergo a MWSBE Utilization & Goal Setting review to determine if the project qualifies for 60% award (refer to Maximum Award section on Page 1).
- City enters into a grant contract with Applicant for 50% (60% for SBE utilization) of the costs for the CMPD approved items.
- Applicant completes installation of the eligible improvements and provides City with paid receipts and cancelled checks for work completed together with photos of each completed improvement. The City will not contract to perform any of the work.
- Applicants are responsible for obtaining all necessary governmental permits and authorizations.
- Staff will be permitted to inspect the project to ensure conformance with the grant contract.
- The City does not reimburse for any work performed prior to application approval and contract signing.
- The City will authorize reimbursement payment after, among other things, completion of the project. Proof of payment is required for reimbursement. Funds are paid based on actual costs incurred up to the maximum amount of the grant awarded.
- Approved projects should be completed within 24 months or funds may not be guaranteed

Additional program requirements or restrictions may apply

Questions?

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