



City of Beatrice Sidewalk Improvement Program

Purpose

The City of Beatrice is initiating a Sidewalk Improvement Program to assist in repairing hazardous sidewalks and provide for the installation of new sidewalks in areas currently without them. While property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their property, this program is intended to assist in providing for pedestrian safety, improving the appearance of neighborhoods, and increasing property values.

Eligibility

This program is available for all property (residential, commercial, and industrial) located in the City of Beatrice. A project funded by this program must be for the repair, replacement, or installation of a minimum of sixteen (16) linear feet in order to be eligible. New construction where sidewalks are required are not eligible. Owners of undeveloped properties are eligible to receive funding under this program so long as the property remains undeveloped for the next calendar year, commencing upon completion of the sidewalk project. Should such property be developed within this specified one-year period, then the recipient of funds from this project shall reimburse the City for the full amount of funds received as a grant; and where the recipient received funds in the form of a loan, the entire loan amount shall become due and payable. Driveway approaches and aprons are not eligible. In order for a sidewalk repair or installation to be eligible for this program, all necessary permits must be obtained and the work must be completed in accordance with all City, State, and Federal codes and regulations, including the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Any sidewalk replacements or installations occurring after July 1, 2015 shall be eligible to participate. A project funded by this program must be completed within six (6) months of applying to the program. Application for this program must be filed within six (6) months after completion of the project for reimbursement.

Funding

The City of Beatrice will fund this program through the City Budget. The City shall pay up to 25% of the cost up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 for grants, or \$5,000.00 for loans pursuant to this program. Such total is based on the following maximum prices per square foot as follows:

The City shall pay no more than \$2.50 per square foot for 4-inch concrete sidewalk **removal**; and no more than \$5.50 per square foot for 4-inch sidewalk 47B-3500 **installation**, with total reimbursement not to exceed \$8.00 per square foot.

Description of Program

A property owner or tenant may participate in this sidewalk improvement program in one of two ways; partial cost reimbursement or a loan.

Partial Cost Reimbursement - A property owner or tenant hires their own contractor to repair or install the sidewalk. Upon completion, the property owner or tenant submits all of their invoices for the sidewalk repair or installation to the City, including labor and materials, for reimbursement up to 25% of the cost up to a maximum of \$1,500.

Loan - A property owner or tenant can make an application to the City for a loan to assist in the replacement or installation of sidewalk. The loan will be required to be paid back within four (4) years of issuance, require monthly payments, be an interest-bearing loan, and no single loan shall exceed \$5,000.

Participation

All properties located in the City of Beatrice shall be eligible for participation in this program. Participation in this program will be based upon the order in which requests are made, first received, first funded basis. A property is only eligible for funding under this program once per calendar year.