



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Transit Village Model Block Grant Program

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The Transit Village Model Block Grant Program will provide financial assistance to property owners to help ensure that the historic legacy of the neighborhood is celebrated, residents' pride in the community is strengthened, and private investment in surrounding properties is increased.

Grant	Grant Amount	Purpose
Energy Assessment-EMPOWER	FREE	to complete energy assessments and identify potential upgrades
Energy Efficiency Upgrades	up to \$2,500	to complete upgrades recommended in energy audit (requires free EMPOWER assessment)
Exterior Maintenance	up to \$2,500	to correct outstanding city code violations and to prevent future violations
Curb Appeal	up to \$500	to complete aesthetic exterior curb appeal enhancements

TOTAL

Grant Eligibility Requirements

1. Property must be located within the Transit Village CRA district (includes all Sutton Rd and Sutton Place addresses, 3254 Van Aken Blvd, and 3284, 3286, 3287, 3291, 3292, 3298, 3301 Milverton Rd).
2. Both owner-occupied and rental properties are eligible.
3. Property must be current on property taxes or in an approved County repayment plan.
4. Property must not be involved in a current/active foreclosure.
5. Most grants require the property owner to contribute a 10% funding match.
6. Different grants may be combined, but only one of each type of grant may be awarded per property.
7. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and program will expire once all funds have been expended.
8. See individual grant programs for additional requirements and details.

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Transit Village Model Block Program Energy Efficiency Upgrades Grant

Grant Amount = up to \$2,500; 10% applicant contribution required

Purpose

The Energy Efficiency Upgrades Grant is for properties located in the Transit Village district that have completed the EMPOWER Energy Assessment. Grant funds must be used toward the cost of energy efficiency upgrades recommended in the assessment report.

Eligibility Requirements

Grants are available to all single family and multi-family residential properties located in the Transit Village district.

- Applicant must have already completed an EMPOWER energy assessment
- Owner-occupied and rental properties are eligible
- Renters must obtain an approval signature from Homeowner/Authorized Agent
- Current on property taxes or in an approved County repayment plan
- No current/active foreclosure status

Eligible Projects

Funds must be used for upgrades recommended in the EMPOWER energy assessment report such as:

- Insulation
- Air sealing
- Based on your custom assessment report, other projects (such as furnace and water heater upgrades or exterior window/door replacement) may be eligible
- Thermostat
- Light bulbs

Grant Procedures

- Applicant must contribute 10% of project cost or overage of grant ceiling (whichever is greater).
- Submit a fully completed application for consideration; **a copy of the completed EMPOWER assessment must be submitted with your application.**
- Funds will be paid directly to contractor upon completion of work and final approval.
- See grant application for additional information.



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Transit Village Model Block Program Exterior Maintenance Grant

Grant Amount = up to \$2,500; 10% applicant contribution required

Purpose

The Exterior Maintenance Grant assists property owners located in the Transit Village district with exterior improvements to their homes. Homeowners are required to provide a contribution to the funds the city invests in the projects, and the project must be completed within a reasonable amount of time. EMG improvement projects must make visible improvements to the exterior of the property; address outstanding or potential code violations; and improve neighborhood image.

Eligibility Requirements

Grants are available to all single family and multi-family residential properties located in the Transit Village district.

- Owner-occupied and rental properties eligible
- Renters must obtain an approval signature from Homeowner/Authorized Agent
- Current on property taxes or in an approved County repayment plan
- No current/active foreclosure status

Eligible Projects

Funds must be used to correct outstanding exterior violations cited by the City (or on projects to prevent a future Notice of Violation) such as:

- Roof repairs
- Driveway repairs
- Front porch repairs
- Tuckpointing
- Painting
- Sidewalk violations

Grant Procedures

- Applicant must contribute 10% of project cost or overage of grant ceiling (whichever is greater).
- Submit a fully completed application for consideration.
- Grant funds will be paid directly to contractor upon completion of work and final approval.
- See grant application for additional information.



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Transit Village Model Block Program Curb Appeal Grant

Grant Amount = up to \$500; \$50 applicant contribution required

Purpose

The Curb Appeal Grant provides properties located in the Transit Village district with funds to make exterior property improvements. Curb appeal improvement projects must make a visible improvement to the exterior front façade or front yard of the property. These improvements will improve the overall neighborhood image.

Eligibility Requirements

Grants are available to all single family and multi-family residential properties located in the Transit Village district.

- Owner-occupied and rental properties are eligible
- Renters must obtain an approval signature from Homeowner/Authorized Agent
- Current on property taxes or in an approved County repayment plan
- No current/active foreclosure status

Eligible Projects

Funds must be used for “curb appeal” improvements to the exterior front façade or front yard of the property (visible from the street) such as:

- Front porch/step repair
- Windows, trim, shutters
- Fascia, soffits, gutters
- Front door (repair/replacement)
- Lighting, mailbox, house numbers
- Painting
- Landscaping

Grant Procedures

- Applicant must contribute a flat fee of \$50 toward cost of project.
- Submit a fully completed application for consideration.
- Applicant will be reimbursed upon completion of project and submission of original receipt(s).
- See grant application for additional information.