

News Release

Facelifts Continue to Enhance Richwood – *Grant money still available*

Grant funding is available again this year for individuals, businesses and organizations to improve the “curb appeal” of Richwood, thanks to the generosity of Dominion Foundation through a grant. The Richwood Chamber of Commerce is coordinating this opportunity for folks in Richwood to receive up to \$300 for improvements to the exterior of a home or \$500 for the front of a commercial or organizational building. Applications are available at the Richwood Chamber of Commerce office or website, <http://www.richwoodchamberofcommerce.org> under **Events** or *scroll down the main page*.

In order to be reimbursed for expenditures by this grant: the application must be approved in advance in writing; receipts must be submitted; and before and after photos will be taken by the grant coordinators. Upon verifying and photographing the successfully completed projects and expenditure of \$375 or more in the case of a residence or \$625 or more in the case of a Main Street business district building, or a building housing a business or organization, the proponent will be reimbursed for \$300 (or \$500 in the case of a business or organization).

Examples of improvements to the front of a property for which reimbursement can be made are: painting, permanent landscaping such as wall and sidewalk improvements, repairs to bricks and mortar, window or awning repair or replacement, dump fees associated with such work, construction or repair to front porches, and more. Reimbursement can be made for payment of a contractor or individual to do the work, or for the purchase of supplies. Although property owners are encouraged to plant flowers or trees and mow lawns, these projects will ***not*** be eligible for reimbursement through this grant. Only property owners are eligible to receive reimbursement. Renters should encourage their landlords to participate in this project! The application process will begin immediately. Applications will be accepted until September 30, or until all funding has been approved. Applying early is recommended. This project must be completed by ***November 1, 2019***.