



# Residential Exterior & Sustainability Grant Update

December 4, 2023





# Exterior Grant Program Overview

- ▶ Grants reimburse 25% of total project cost, up to \$2,500
- ▶ Grants range from \$500 to \$2,500 depending on total project cost
- ▶ Funded through the Economic Development Fund
- ▶ Projects must be on the list of eligible improvements, abide by municipal code, and may require a building permit
- ▶ \$90,000 budgeted for 2023, recommending \$90,000 for 2024 including prior year roll over
- ▶ Purpose of the program is to promote beautification and property maintenance and provide a tool to address code violations within neighborhoods



# 2023 Exterior Grant Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Appraised value not to exceed \$375,000
- ▶ Repairs must total at least \$2,000
- ▶ Property must be owner-occupied or must have active rental license for last 365 days



# Exterior Grant Eligible Improvements

- ▶ Roofs
- ▶ Lighting
- ▶ Shutters
- ▶ Garage Doors
- ▶ Masonry
- ▶ Foundations
- ▶ Gutters
- ▶ Fencing-front
- ▶ Additions
- ▶ Concrete
- ▶ Front Doors
- ▶ Windows
- ▶ Awnings
- ▶ Decks
- ▶ Trash Screening



# Exterior Grant - Ineligible Expenses

How Funds CANNOT Be Spent:

1. Ladders
2. Construction Tools
3. Decks and Fencing (unless front-facing)
4. Interior Home Improvements



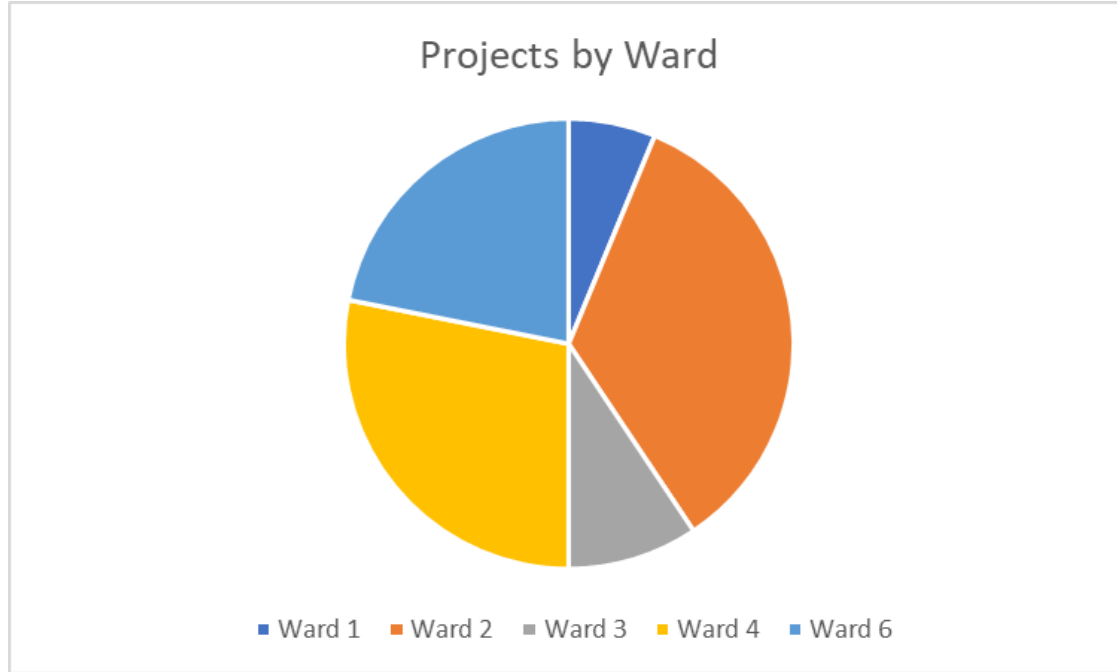
# 2023 Exterior Grants by the Numbers

- ▶ Grants Awarded: 32
- ▶ Abandoned Projects: 10
- ▶ Homeowner Investment: \$323,847
- ▶ Money Awarded: \$59,546
- ▶ Average Grant: \$1,861
- ▶ Average App. Value: \$313,750

*\*Figures as of 11/21/2023*

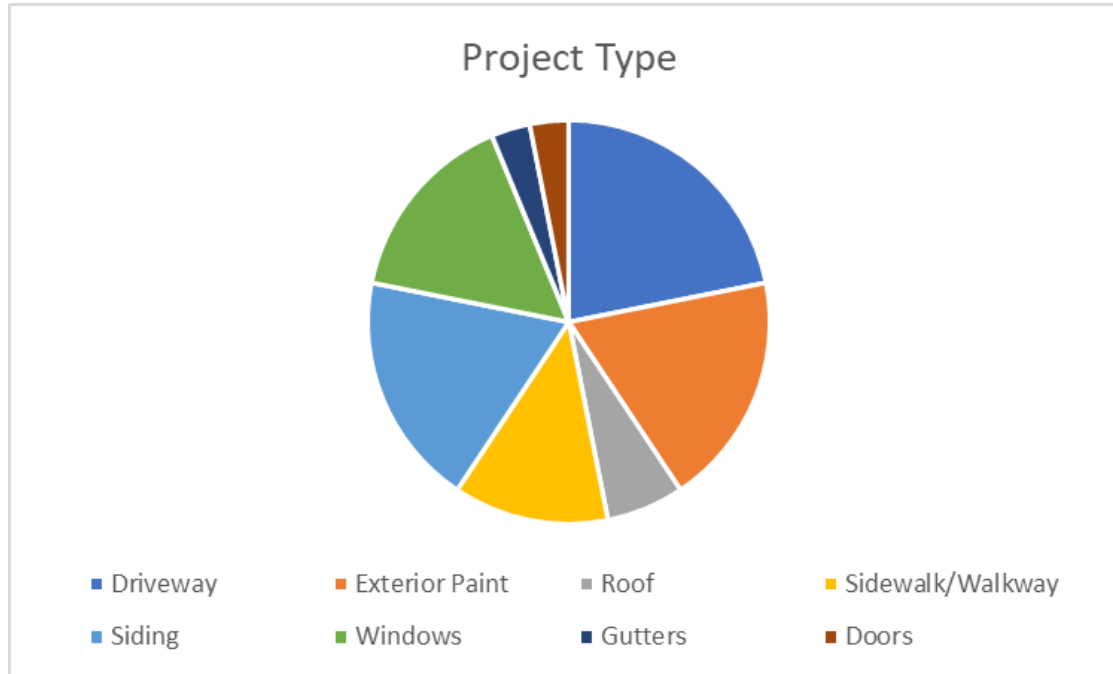


# Grants Awarded by Ward in 2023





# Exterior Grants by Project Type in 2023







# New Siding Pictures





# New Siding Pictures







# New Driveway Pictures





# Exterior Paint Pictures







# New Roof Pictures





# Residential Sustainability Grant Program Overview

- ▶ Program began in 2021
- ▶ City provides a 25% match for energy efficiency improvement with a minimum investment by the property owner of \$2,000
- ▶ Energy saving improvement must meet the 2021 International Energy Conservation code
- ▶ Purpose is to encourage residents to reduce their carbon footprint by improving the energy efficiency of their homes
- ▶ \$30,000 budgeted for 2023; recommend \$40,000 for 2024 including prior year roll over.



# 2023 Sustainability Grant Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ No appraised value maximum
- ▶ Must be current on all taxes and free of code violations
- ▶ Property must be a one or two-family dwelling



# Sustainability Grant Eligible Improvements

- ▶ Windows/Doors/Skylights
- ▶ Air Conditioners
- ▶ Furnaces
- ▶ Solar Panels
- ▶ Water Heating Equipment
- ▶ Energy Audits
- ▶ Wind Power Installations
- ▶ Insulation
- ▶ Geothermal
- ▶ Duct sealing
- ▶ Other energy efficiency projects as deemed appropriate by Building Official





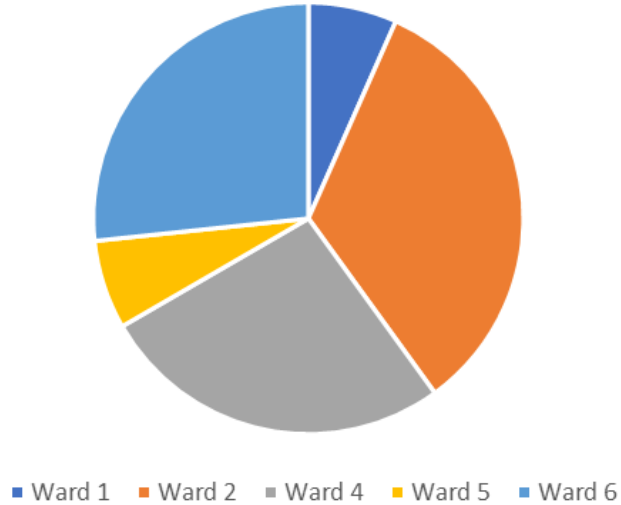
# 2023 Sustainability Grants by the Numbers

- ▶ Grants Awarded: 15
- ▶ Homeowner Investment: \$126,970
- ▶ Money Awarded: \$30,139
- ▶ Average Grant: \$2,009



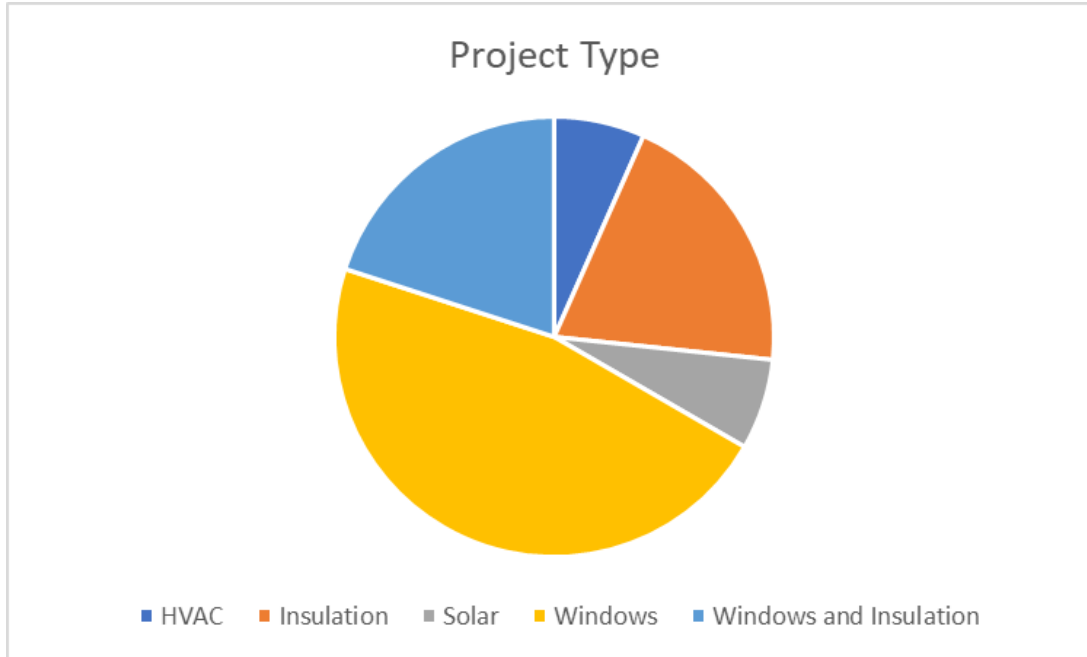
# Grants Awarded by Ward in 2023

Projects by Ward





# Sustainability Grants by Project Type in 2023





# New Window Pictures







# New Solar Panel Pictures





# Recommended Program for 2024

## Exterior Grant Program for 2024

- ▶ Increase the appraised value maximum for the 2024 Exterior Grant Program from \$375,000 to \$400,000
- ▶ Continue to open the program on February 1 and shorten the amount of days to complete the project from 180 to 120 days, allowing for a second round of grant applications to open in the summer if funds are available
- ▶ Reallocate the unused 2023 exterior grant funds (estimated around \$30,000) to the 2024 Grant Programs - increasing the 2024 Exterior Grant budget to \$90,000 and Sustainability Grant to \$40,000



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