**CITY SIDEWALK MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this grant is to assist in the replacement of deteriorated, missing, or damaged public sidewalks in the city limits of Columbus, KS. Deteriorated, missing, or damaged sidewalks may pose a hazard to citizens, including school children, and can be unsightly.

**Program Eligibility**

This grant applies to homeowners within the city limits of Columbus, KS and may be used to repair sidewalk or install new sidewalk where currently absent.

Homeowners will be required to contribute 25% of the cost of the sidewalk installation or repair. Upon completion of the project, the City of Columbus will reimburse 75% of the costs for the completed project.

Please direct any questions about this opportunity to Jake Letner, Community Development Coordinator. He may be reached by e-mail at [jletner@columbusks.gov](mailto:jletner@columbusks.gov) or by phone at (620) 429-2159.

**Policy**

The City Sidewalk Matching Grant program provides a reimbursement for 75% of project costs for sidewalk repair/installation. This program applies to public sidewalks only, and the sidewalks must be located on the public easement. For an individual to apply for this grant, all property taxes at the home must be paid in full through the most current period.

Proposed sidewalks shall meet all relevant code specifications set forth by the City of Columbus and adhere to all relevant local, state, and federal standards (including the Americans with Disabilities Act). The City Property & Streets Director is charged with determining which requests comply with program objectives and will present each application to the City Council for approval.

Property owners must submit two like, itemized bids for the project. The property owner has full discretion as to which bid is selected. Self-bids may constitute one of the two required like, itemized bids. The property owner and his/her contractors assume all risks and liabilities, legal and otherwise, associated with executing the work on the project.

Upon completion of the project, the Property & Streets Director will confirm that the scope of work detailed on the application has been completed. Reimbursement for 50% of project costs will be presented to the property owner within 1-2 weeks of this site review.

Brick sidewalks may be reclaimed and accepted into the program, provided the completed restored brick

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sidewalk is reconstructed at a proper height, has adequate base material, and does not contain gaps between bricks which invite the growth of weeds or grass. Variations in sidewalk layout may be allowed to accommodate preservation of mature trees.

**Process**

1. Application is submitted for City Sidewalk Matching Grant Program by the legal property owner with two (2) itemized, like bids for work.
2. Applications are reviewed by the Property & Streets Director for accuracy; any issues preventing acceptance are communicated to the property owner.
3. Applications are submitted to the City Council for approval.
4. Work on the sidewalk project commences and is completed.
5. Property & Parks Director reviews the work and submits the application for final approval.
6. Property owner receives check within 1-2 weeks for 75% of project costs.

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**\*Note – All property owners must first contact the Kansas One-Call System for Utility Locates BEFORE starting the project. Dial 811.**

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Is this project repairing existing sidewalk?

Is this project installing new sidewalk where current sidewalk does not exist?

Is this project installing or repairing brick sidewalk?

**Please submit two itemized, like bids along with this application.**

*By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions contained herein. I agree to comply with all necessary criteria to remain eligible to receive reimbursement funds. I am a legal, authorized representative of the business for which application is being made. I am aware that the City may not approve what I am applying for and/or set additional conditions upon approval. I agree to complete only the work described on the application.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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