

2022 Fridley Homeowner Programs Open House

Frequently Asked Questions

The Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) hosted an open house on February 9, 2022, to provide information about the city's Loan, Grant, and Rebate Programs for homeowners.

Can I apply for a grant for work that's already completed?

- Unfortunately, the grant programs are not retroactive. To be eligible for funding, projects may not begin until after your grant application is approved **and** a grant Participation Agreement is signed by the homeowner and a representative the City.

When will I know if I'm going to get a grant?

- For the Front Door Grant, the 2022 application deadline is March 7. Applicants who have applied by 4:30 pm on March 7 will be notified of their grant status the following week. Please do not contact the city to inquire about your grant status prior to March 15, 2022.

For the Paint Rebate grant, applications are accepted on a rolling basis (no application deadline). Expect an email from staff within a week of submitting your application.

Do I have to do *all* of the projects on the Beautification Project list in order to get a Front Door grant?

- Thankfully—no! (That would be a lot of work.) To be eligible for the Front Door Grant, applications only need to include one of the items from the Beautification Projects list, with a value of at least \$4,000.

Q: After I'm approved for a grant, how long do I have to complete the projects? What if there are delays?

- For the Front Door Grant, projects should be completed and receipts submitted to the city within 6 months of signing a Participation Agreement. For the Paint Rebate Grant, projects should be completed and receipts submitted to the city within 4 months.

If you run into challenges with completing your project, please contact HRA staff as soon as possible to discuss how to proceed.

Q: I have a lot of projects I'm considering, and I don't know where to start. What do you recommend?

- The Fridley HRA offers a free Remodeling Advisor service, as well as discounted services from the Home Energy Squad, to help homeowners prioritize projects. Call 612-244-2470 to schedule a Remodeling Advisor appointment. [Click here to schedule a Home Energy Squad appointment online](#) or call 612-228-6220.

Q: Can you recommend a contractor?

- You may choose [any licensed contractor](#) to complete work for your grant projects. The Remodeling Advisor service can provide advice on reviewing bids. Call 612-244-2470 to schedule a Remodeling Advisor appointment. The city is not able to recommend contractors.

Q: Do I need to have bids for my project in order to apply for a grant?

- While it is helpful to have an idea of project costs when you apply for a grant, having bids (or materials price lists for DIY projects) is not required. If you are selected for a Front Door Grant, you will be asked to submit your selected bid (or materials lists for DIY projects).

Q: If I get a grant for my project, do I still need to apply for a permit?

- Yes, projects that receive a grant must still apply for and receive required permits. Learn more about [Building Permits](#) (for structures, etc.) and [Engineering Permits](#) (for driveways and land alteration, etc.) at [FridleyMN.gov](#).

Have a question that is not answered here? Visit [FridelyMN.gov/HomePrograms](https://www.fridleymn.gov/HomePrograms) or contact [Nancy Abts](#), Associate Planner, at 763-572-3593 or [Paul Bolin](#), Fridley HRA Assistant Executive Director, at 763-752-3591.

**Front Door Grant Program
Process Summary**

