

Program Highlights

- Hardscape fencing offers a 50% matching grant of up to \$5,000 in project cost for fencing around parking lots, etc.
- Façade Incentive program offers 50% matching grant on \$5,000 of construction dedicated to improvements and upgrades to building facades
- Signage replacement program offers 50% match to improvements and replacement of signs: consider match on up to \$5,000 worth of work.
- Sidewalk Replacement program offers 50% match on up to \$2,500 worth of improvements or installation.

Niles CIC Downtown Grant Programs

Financial assistance is available from the City of Niles' CIC for your Downtown Façade renovations, Hardscaping, Signage, and Sidewalks



The City of Niles has moved to reinstate their Community Improvement Corporation, a 501(c)(3) that acts as an independent economic development initiative, in accordance with the City of Niles. Funding is established through the yearly budget and managed by the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation.

The City and the CIC are now offering four programs that are focused to bolster the revitalization of the downtown. For new and existing businesses.

The primary focus areas are in and around the downtown. This area is comprised of existing business, national monuments, a Safety-Service complex, and a trailhead at the end of the Niles-Greenway Bicycle path that is part of the larger Great Oho Lake-to-River Greenway.

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Niles CIC Hardscape Fencing Incentive Programs

The Niles Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in accordance with the City of Niles encourages improvements to the City's aesthetics, zoning regulations, and parking areas in relation to economic growth. The focus is to provide upgraded defined parking areas with consistent hardscape and fencing within the downtown boundaries. The Niles CIC and the City of Niles are committed to economic growth by incentivizing its' business community through an improved appearance parking area initiative, allowing both current and new business to install, upgrade or replace hardscape fencing located on their property

- The Niles CIC will review applications and vote to reimburse fifty (50) percent towards construction costs up to \$5,000 for hardscape fencing installment and replacement.

Project Eligibility

Funds shall be used for businesses or property owners that are in or around Downtown Niles. The map below shows the designated area. A project is not ineligible from these funds if it is near the identified region but will be subject for review of The Niles CIC and the City of Niles. Additionally, the following requirements must be met, but are not absolute:

- All properties must be conforming use under the City of Niles' Zoning Ordinance or have received a variance
- For the purpose of this program, properties without a commercial use on the first floor shall not be considered commercial properties
- All special assessments, real estate taxes, and personal property taxes must be current.
- Owners, tenants, or owner-tenant joint ventures are eligible for matching grants. If the tenant is the applicant, written approval from the property owner must be submitted
- Projects must improve the image and beauty of Downtown. This includes, but is not limited to: Repair or replacement of original materials and decorative details that are missing, deteriorated, or have been covered up with other materials
- The application must be completed (see last page)
- Hard fencing must not extend outside of the property line
- All work must be paid for prior to reimbursement
- A paid invoice must be shown to the Niles CIC prior to reimbursement

Niles CIC Facade Incentive Program

The Niles Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in accordance with the City of Niles encourages improvements to the City's aesthetics, zoning regulations, and facades, in relation to economic growth. The focus is to provide upgraded facades within the downtown boundaries, The Niles CIC and the City of Niles are committed to economic growth by incentivizing its' business community through an improved façade initiative, allowing both current and new businesses to install upgrade or replace facade on their property.

- The Niles CIC will review applications and vote to reimburse fifty (50) percent towards construction costs up to \$5,000 for facade replacement.

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Niles CIC Signage Replacement Incentive Program

The Niles Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in accordance with the City of Niles encourages improvements to the City's aesthetics, zoning regulations, and storefronts, in relation to economic growth. The focus is to provide upgraded commercial signage within downtown boundaries. The Niles CIC and the City of Niles is committed to economic growth by incentivizing its businesses community through a safe infrastructure initiative, allowing both current and new businesses to install or upgrade the signage of a building or storefront.

- The Niles CIC will review applications and vote to reimburse fifty (50) percent towards construction costs up to \$5,000 for sign replacement.

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- The application must be completed (see last page)
- Signs must not extend out past property line
- All work must be paid for prior to reimbursement
- A paid invoice must be shown to the Niles CIC prior to reimbursement

Niles CIC Sidewalk Replacement Incentive Program

The Niles Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in accordance with the City of Niles encourages improvements to the City's walkability and pedestrian transportation networks, in relation to economic growth. The focus is to provide more walkability within the downtown boundaries. The Niles CIC and the City of Niles is committed to economic growth by incentivizing its businesses community through a safe infrastructure initiative, allowing both current and new businesses to upgrade deteriorated or unsafe sidewalks on within their individual property lines.

- The Niles CIC will review applications and vote to reimburse fifty (50) percent towards construction costs up to \$2,500 for sidewalk replacement.

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- Sidewalk must extend out past property line
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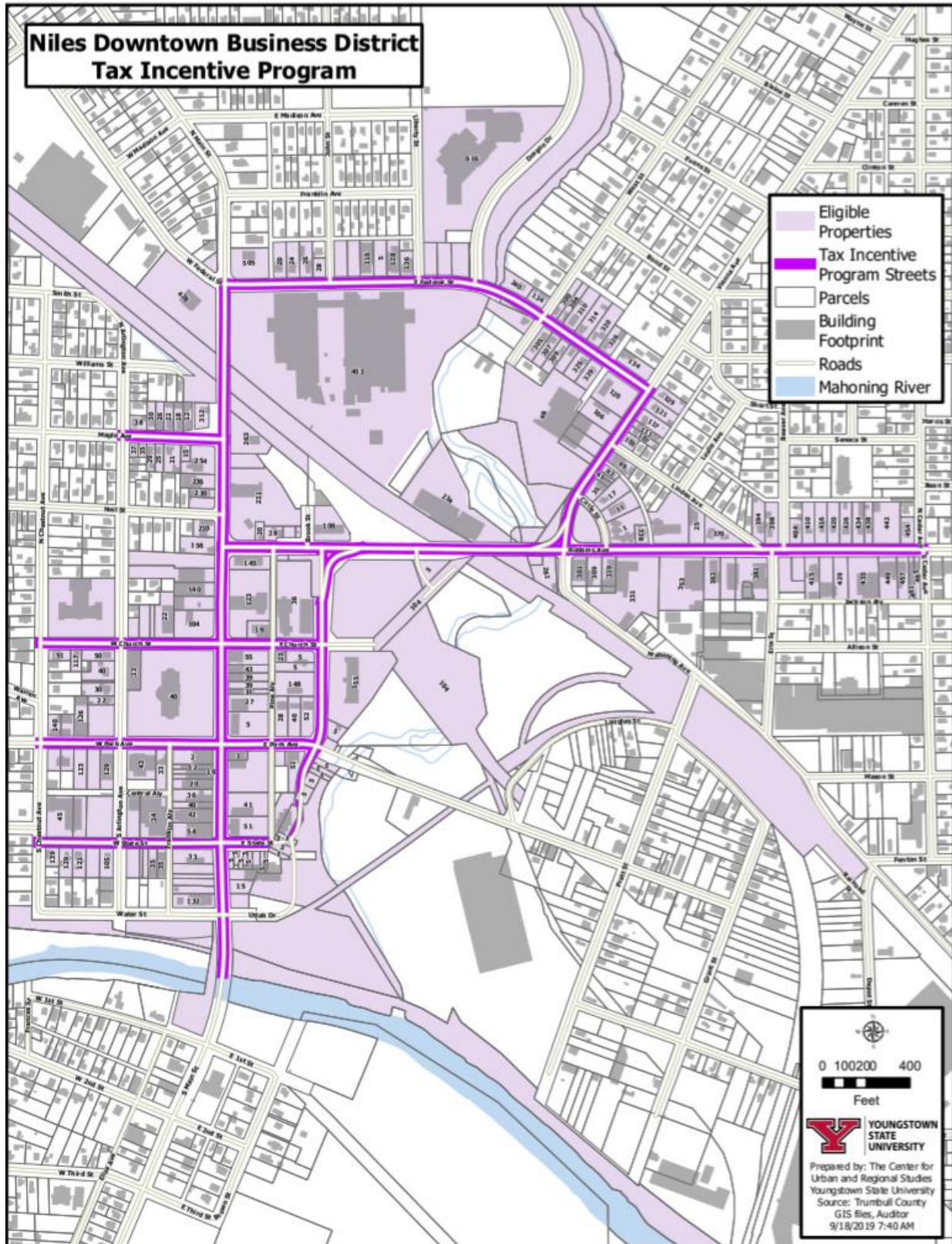
Niles CIC Incentive Program Applications

Application submitted _____ CIC Approved _____ Niles City Council Approved _____

Business Name: _____	Property Owner Name (if leasing): _____
Applicant Name: _____	Owner Address: _____
Address: _____	City, State: _____ Zip: _____
City, State: _____	Owner: Phones: _____
Phone: _____	Tax Key Number: _____
E-Mail: _____	Is this a commercial property: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of Business: _____	Is this property tax delinquent: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you own or rent this property/space: <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	Are there any outstanding liens or Building and/or Zoning Code Violations on this property: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this property a Landmark or in a Historic District: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you previously received a matching grant: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Historic Building or District Name: _____	If so, what type and when: _____

Complete this section for Façade and/or Hardscaping Grant	Complete this section for Sidewalk and/or Sign Grant
Type of project (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Façade Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Hardscaping Grant	Type of Project: <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Grant
<input type="checkbox"/> Repair or replacement of original building's materials that are deteriorated or missing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair or replacement of existing sidewalk and/or Sign.
<input type="checkbox"/> Design and maintenance improvements of building elevations	<input type="checkbox"/> Installation of new sidewalk and/or Sign
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuck pointing/masonry repair of exterior surfaces	Names of three (3) bidding contractors (copies of actual bids must be attached) and mark the check box next to the contractor you selected
<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Name _____ Cost: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Name _____ Cost: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Name _____ Cost: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Name _____ Cost: _____	Applications for Sidewalk or Sign program should also include photographs, a detailed scope of the project, paint colors, material samples. And any other relevant information
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*** Please note any work completed to the submission of these applications may be deemed ineligible and submissions for reimbursement beyond 30 days of the invoice date will be deemed non reimbursable***



If you have any questions about these programs or are interested in submitting a grant application please contact the Mayor's office at 330-544-9000 x 1100 or via email at smientkiewicz@thecityofniles.com