



Application to the NIDC Block Stabilization Program

If you have at least 2 vacant boarded and/or foreclosed houses on your block, the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC) Block Stabilization Program (BSP) presents the opportunity for current residents to attract new homeowners by enhancing the appearance of their neighborhood. BSP offers a matching grant of up to \$500 for exterior home improvements that are visible from the curb. Visible improvements on your home may help attract new responsible homeowners and get vacant, foreclosed homes occupied more quickly.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____ No. of years at this address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Are there vacant homes on your block? Yes ___ No ___

Address of house #1 _____

Address of house #2 _____

Briefly describe the exterior improvements you are planning to make (must be visible from the curb):

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Yes No Are you behind with your mortgage? If "yes", number of months behind _____

Yes No Do you have any building code violations pending with the Department of Neighborhood Services?

Yes No Are you an employee of the City of Milwaukee, the Department of City Development (DCD) or one of its affiliate agencies?

Yes No Are you married to an employee of the City of Milwaukee, including DCD or one of its affiliate agencies?

Yes No Are you the brother, sister, parent or child of an employee of the City of Milwaukee, DCD or one of its affiliate agencies?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, please explain below:

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Signature of Applicant

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I certify that the information provided herein is true and complete. I authorize DCD and NIDC to review this application, to request, receive and share information to verify its accuracy.



Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation
In partnership with the City of Milwaukee



**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND
COPY OF YOUR HOME OWNERS INSURANCE TO:
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation
PO Box 511730
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-0291**

Program Guidelines

- ◆ Participants must live in the house on a block where 2 or more vacant boarded and/or foreclosed properties exist.
- ◆ Participants must be current with their property taxes.
- ◆ If you use a contractor, they must be licensed by the City of Milwaukee.
- ◆ Work can't begin without approval from NIDC; reimbursement for any work done prior to NIDC approval will not be eligible.

How It Works

1. Complete and submit BSP application.
2. Once the application is approved, NIDC will notify the homeowner that work can begin.
3. Participants have 60 days from NIDC approval to complete their project.
4. Upon project completion, NIDC will visit your home to verify work is completed.
5. Participant will submit all receipts related to the project.

Reimbursement-Please Read Carefully

Original invoices, receipts and canceled checks must be submitted for reimbursement; invoices should show a zero balance due. **Receipts with ineligible items will be rejected.** Participants should keep project materials on a separate receipt. When NIDC receives your request for payment, we will do a verification visit. Homeowners will sign the final verification document and will receive reimbursement within 30 days.

Only exterior improvements visible from the curb are eligible.

Eligible Improvements include:

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| ✓ Exterior doors | ✓ Landscaping | ✓ Mailboxes | ✓ Lead safe exterior painting |
| ✓ Windows | ✓ Railings | ✓ Awnings | ✓ Shutters |
| ✓ Exterior Lighting | ✓ Porch repair | ✓ Sidewalk repair | ✓ Decorative porch lights |

Items Not Eligible Include:

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| ✓ Perimeter fences | ✓ Lawn services | ✓ Lawn and porch furniture, yard decorations |
| ✓ Pet houses | ✓ Door bells | ✓ Garden/hand/elec. tools, watering nozzles |
| ✓ Interior improvements | ✓ Roofs | ✓ Garage repairs |