



Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation will begin accepting applications for the Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm**. This program awards grants on a competitive basis for improvements to our commercial districts, such as signage, lighting, façade and sidewalk improvements. Projects should revitalize main street and downtown business districts and generate activity in these areas.

This grant program fosters private-public partnerships for the improvement of streetscapes in local business districts. These investments will strengthen Rhode Island's small business environment and attract future growth and events to our main street and downtown districts. Projects that can be completed within 3 years will be prioritized.

Eligibility

- Eligible projects must be located in an area that is walkable, with a mix of land uses suitable for small business development and commerce that attracts residents and visitors to frequent the activities located in the area;
- Applicants must have matching funds committed for the project. Matching funds can include real estate committed to the project or costs associated with engineering, design, environmental assessment or studies, or costs incurred in obtaining necessary municipal approvals; and
- The lead applicant must be a municipality, political subdivisions of a municipality, or an economic development organization. Public-private partnerships are encouraged through the Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund program.

Applications will be available at <https://commerceri.com/incentives/main-street-ri-streetscape-improvement-fund/>. Applications will be accepted via email at MainStreet@CommerceRI.com through **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm**.

Note: Applicants can be considered for both the Site Readiness and Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund programs. See application for more information. For more information on the Site Readiness program, please visit: <http://commerceri.com/incentives/site-readiness>.