

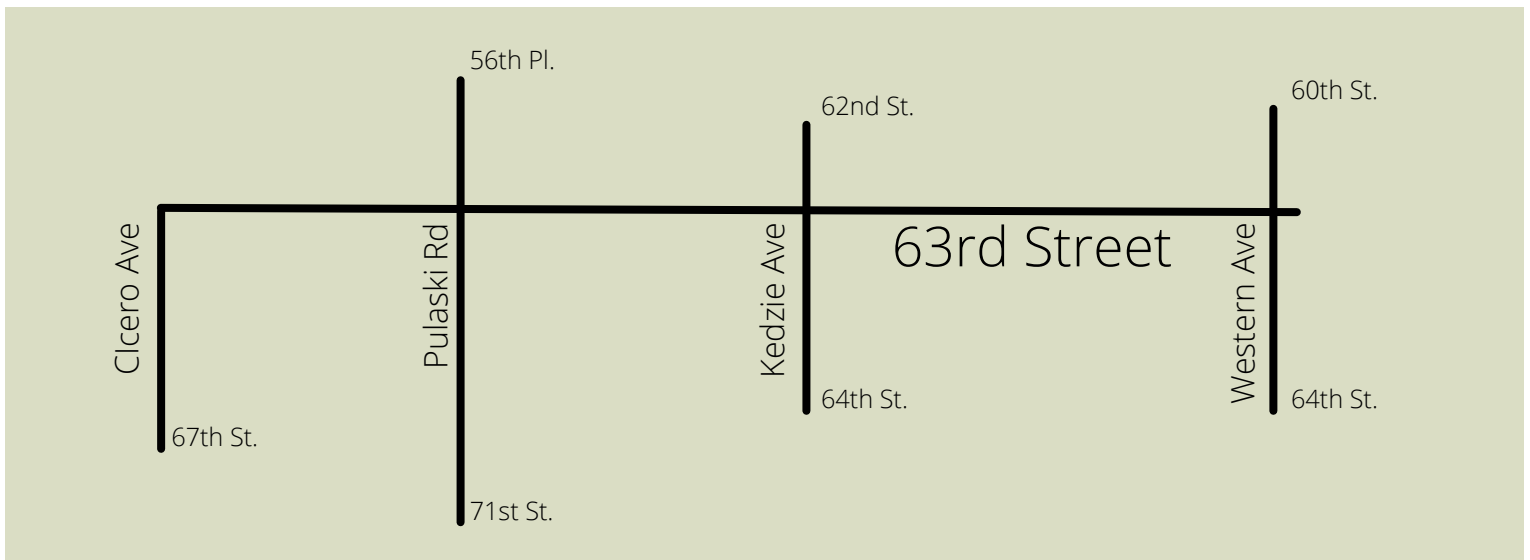


SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #3 REBATE PROGRAM

ABOUT SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #3 (SSA #3)

The goal of the SSA #3 is to beautify and revitalize the commercial corridor, attract, and retain businesses, enhance the streetscape, and to emphasize the character and qualities of the community.

SSA #3 BOUNDARIES



REBATE PROGRAM

The SSA #3 Rebate Program provides incentives in the form of a reimbursement for physical improvements to residential and commercial properties within its boundaries, such as storefronts and businesses along the public way.

The SSA #3 Rebate Program will reimburse eligible applicants for renovation in the following categories:

Safety Enhancements



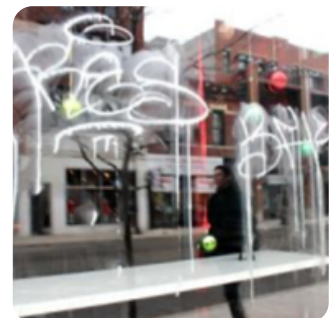
Façade



Awning



Graffiti Removal



HOW IT WORKS

Business owners, property owners, or authorized officers are eligible to apply for one or multiple rebates. Note **this is a grant in the form of reimbursement**. Please review the following guidelines for each category before applying. Funding amounts for all categories are determined by SSA board of commissioners based on budget restrictions and scope of work.

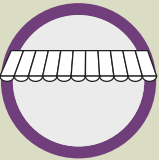


Façade

- Funding from **25%-90%** of eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$10,000** of eligible costs

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of **two** estimates from two different contractors is required at time of application review
- Façade improvements may include but not limited to:
 - Tuck-pointing and masonry
 - Façade repair, including restoration
 - Structural aspects of permanent signage
 - Exterior Lighting
 - Window/door replacements
 - New signage or sign graphics



Awning

Awnings often add a place for signage and vitality to a storefront, as well as protect pedestrians from inclement weather and provide shade for the business.

- Funding up to **90%** of eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$3,000** of eligible costs

REQUIREMENTS:

- **The straight awning with an open side and hanging valance is the only one acceptable.**
- Awnings should be made of **canvas** not vinyl or plastic. Metal, wood shingle and **other non-canvas materials will not be reimbursed.**
- Call **773.922.6414** for permit assistance



Security Enhancements

- Funding from **25%-90%** of eligible cost, up to a maximum of **\$4,000** of eligible costs

REQUIREMENTS:

- At least one camera must face the public right-of-way.
- Cameras must have resolution of 1080p HD quality or higher.
- Equipment must remain in the building for at least three years.
- Program must offer the opportunity for recipients to participate in OEMC's Private Sector Camera Initiative Program.
- SSA service provider must provide a list and map to the Chicago Police Department (CPD) of camera locations in the SSA district.
- Applicant must in business for at least 6 months to qualify for this reimbursement.



Graffiti Removal

- Resurfacing and replacement of glass that has been damaged from graffiti.
- Funding up to **90%** of eligible costs, up to a maximum of **\$600** of eligible costs

Ineligible Improvements

- New construction or additions
- Residential unit interiors
- Interior improvements
- Roofing improvements
- Minor repairs or improvements to building (very small jobs)
- Equipment-related expenses (i.e. cash registers and computers, furniture)
- Improvements that are considered regular building upkeep or maintenance
- Rear, side, alley, or secondary improvements not visible from the public right-of-way

REBATE PROCESS

PHASE 1: APPLY

- Review and complete SSA #3 Rebate Application
- Make sure it is **signed by** both the **property** and **business owner**
- Obtain all required documents & estimates
- Submit completed application to GSDC to **rebates@greatersouthwest.org**

PHASE 2: APPLICATION DECISION

- Applications are presented to SSA #3 Board of Commissioners for approval at monthly meetings
- All applicants are encouraged to attend meeting. Visit GSDC's website for a complete schedule of meetings



APPROVED:

Applicants will receive approval letter through their preferred communication method.

You can now begin your project and **will need to complete and submit paperwork by Dec. 5, 2025.**



DENIED:

Applicants will receive a denial letter through their preferred communication method.

Proceed to PHASE 1: reapply after reviewing any issues

PHASE 3: PROJECT EXECUTION

- Go ahead and start the project, you **will need to complete and submit paperwork by December 5, 2025.**
- Obtain all the necessary permits.
- Need support obtaining permits? GSDC staff can help! Call our office for more information
- Once work is complete, pay out all contractors and obtain copies of all paid invoices/receipts

PHASE 4: REIMBURSEMENT

- Submit "After" pictures, permits (if required), and paid invoices/receipts.
- GSDC will contact you when the SSA reimbursement check is ready for **pickup at our office.**
- **Please note all rebate documentation must be submitted by December 5, 2025.**



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For an easier application process please submit all applicable documents from the list below:

- Completed Application Form, including the property owner's signature
- Copy of Property Tax Bill
- Copy of Business License (for commercial applicants)
- "Before" Pictures of Project
- Completed W9 Form (attached)
- Two Estimates (Façade Applicants ONLY)
- Begin applying for City Permits (if applicable)

Please note that incomplete applications will not be presented for approval

Have questions or need assistance in applying?

We are here to help! Reach out to us at rebates@greatersouthwest.org or call (773)451.8875

APPLICATION

A. Which rebate are you applying for? (select all that apply)

- Façade Enhancements** - Funding from 25% - 90% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of \$10,000**
 - Channel Letters
 - Signage
 - Doors and/or windows
 - Tuck-pointing
- Awning**- Funding 90% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of \$3,000**
- Safety Enhancement** – Funding from 25%-90% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of \$4,000**
 - Security Cameras
 - Buzzer
 - Roll-down shutters
 - Exterior lighting
- Graffiti Removal** – Funding **up to \$600** of eligible costs

B. Project Information

Name of Business _____

Project Address: _____ Ward: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property PIN #(s): _____

Age of Business: _____ Not Applicable

Family-Owned Business: Yes No

Project Description:

Please include a DETAILED description of the job for each rebate for which you are applying. (Use additional sheets if necessary)

Itemized Project Budget:

Work Item	Cost	Contractor
1.	\$	
2.	\$	
3.	\$	
4.	\$	
5.	\$	

Project Financing & Contractor Information

Does the applicant currently have funding or financing available?

Yes No

Will the applicant be seeking a loan or financing to fund construction?

Yes No

Does the applicant need help securing a loan to fund project(s)?

Yes No

Does the applicant need help finding contractors for the project(s)?

Yes No

C. Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Check all that apply: Business Owner **Sex:** Male
 Property Owner Female
 Both (Property and Business Owner) Prefer not to answer
 Authorized Officer

Ethnicity/Race: Native American/Alaska Native Asian
(select all that apply) Black/African-American Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 Latino/Hispanic White
 Middle Eastern Prefer not to answer

How did you learn about the SSA Rebate Improvement Fund? _____

(i.e., postcard, Aldermanic office, Local Community Organization, etc.)

D. Property Owner Authorization (Mandatory for tenants)

ALL work is subject to the SSA's design guidelines and must be completed in order to receive reimbursement. If the applicant is not the property owner, Greater Southwest Development Corporation requires here below the property owner's signature, authorizing improvements to the property.

Signature Printed Name Date

E. Applicant Certification

Applicant certifies that the information provided on this application is true and correct and that they have received, read, and understood the SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA #3 & SSA #59) REBATE APPLICATION PACKET

Signature Printed Name Date



BEFORE YOU SUBMIT, MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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