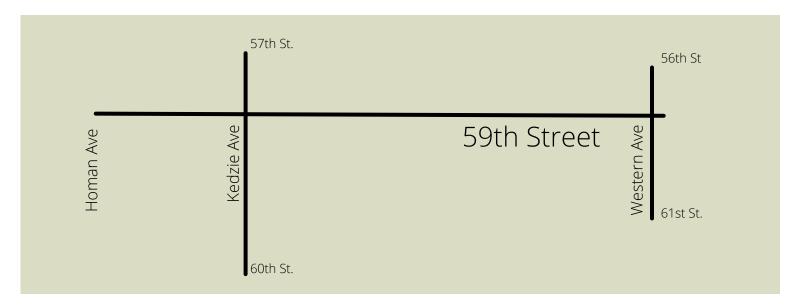


SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #59 REBATE PROGRAM

ABOUT SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #59 (SSA #59)

The goal of the SSA #59 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 #59 BOUNDARIES



REBATE PROGRAM

The SSA #59 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 #59 Rebate Program will reimburse eligible applicants for renovation in the following categories:



HOW IT WORKS

Business owners, property owners, or authorized officers are eligible to apply for one or multiple rebates. Note **this is a program 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

Covers the property's first floor front exterior of a building.

• Funding from 25%-75% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$5,000 of eligible costs

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of **two** estimates from two different **licensed** 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 100% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$1,500 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 and Technical Assistance for Security Enhancement

Security cameras and other safety enhancements are vital components for creating a safe environment and increasing customer confidence in the local business district.

• Funding from 25%-75% of eligible cost, up to a maximum of \$1,500 of eligible costs or \$750 maintenance 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.
- 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.
- Will only cover maintenance of equipment installed through the program. Any equipment installed after is the applicant's responsibility.



Graffiti Removal

- Resurfacing and replacement of glass that has been damaged from graffiti.
- Funding up to 100% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$300 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 #59 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.



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
- 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 call you when the SSA reimbursement check is ready for pickup
- Please note all rebate documentation must be submitted before the **December 5, 2025** deadline

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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

APPLICATION

A. Which rebate are	you applying for? (sel	ect all that apply	')	
☐ Façade Enhanceme	nts - Funding from 25% - 75	5% of eligible costs, w	ith a maximum of \$5,000	
□ Channel Letters □ S	ignage □ Doors and/or wind	ows □ Tuck-pointing		
☐ Awning - Funding 100	0% of eligible costs, with a n	naximum of \$1,500		
☐ Safety Enhancemer	nt – Funding from 25%-75%	of eligible costs, with	a maximum of \$1,500	
□ Security Cameras □	Buzzer □Roll-down shutters	□ Exterior lighting		
☐ Graffiti Removal – F	Funding up to \$300 of eligib	le costs		
B. Project Information Name of Business	on			
Project Address:	ress: Ward:			
City:	State:	Zip C	ode:	
Property PIN #(s):				
Age of Business:	□ Not Applicable	Family-Owne	d Business: ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Itemized Project Budge	t:			
	k Item	Cost	Contractor	
1		\$		
2.		\$		
3.		\$		
4.		\$		
5.		\$		
Will the applicant be seeking Does the applicant need hel	ntractor Information have funding or financing avage a loan or financing to fund co p securing a loan to fund proje p finding contractors for the p	nstruction? \square	Yes □ No	

Applicant's Name:					
Mailing Address:					
City :	State:	Zip Code:			
Phone Number:	e Number: Email:				
Check all that apply:	☐ Business Owner☐ Property Owner☐ Both (Property and Business Owner☐ Authorized Officer	Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to answer			
Ethnicity/Race: (select all that apply)		☐ Asian☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander☐ White☐ Prefer not to answer			
	out the SSA Rebate Improvement Fu	und?			
D. Property Owne	er Authorization (Mandatory	for tenants)			
applicant is not the prop	8 8	completed in order to receive reimbursement. If the oment Corporation requires here below the property			
Signature	Printed Nan	ne Date			
E. Applicant Certi	fication				
• •	he information provided on this applica ne SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA #3 & SS/	tion is true and correct and that they have received, A #59) REBATE APPLICATION PACKET			
Signature	Printed Nan	ne Date			
☐ Comple ☐ Copy or ☐ Copy or ☐ "Before ☐ Comple ☐ Two Es: ☐ Begin a	eted Application Form, including the f Property Tax Bill f Business License (for commercial a graph Project eted W9 Form attached timates (Façade Applicants ONLY) applying for City Permits (if applicable	pplicants)			



Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above				
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Chefollowing seven boxes. ☐ Individual/sole proprietor or ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership single-member LLC ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partne Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member of LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its own ☐ Other (see instructions) ▶ 5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Trust/estate rship) wner. Do not check owner of the LLC is gle-member LLC that ier.	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) (Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.) Ind address (optional)		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)				
Pai	t I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)				
	your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to a	oid Social sec	urity number		
reside entitie	up withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, the sent alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other es, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to ge</i>				
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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.			identification number		
Par	t II Certification				
Unde	r penalties of perjury, I certify that:				
2. I ar Sei	e number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (brvice (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest longer subject to backup withholding; and) I have not been no	otified by the Internal Revenue		
3. I ar	m a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and				
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.					
Certif you ha	fication instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 sition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retire.	ou are currently subj 2 does not apply. Fo	r mortgage interest paid,		

other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

U.S. person ▶ **General Instructions**

Signature of

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

Sign

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An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)

Date ▶

- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.