GREATER SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

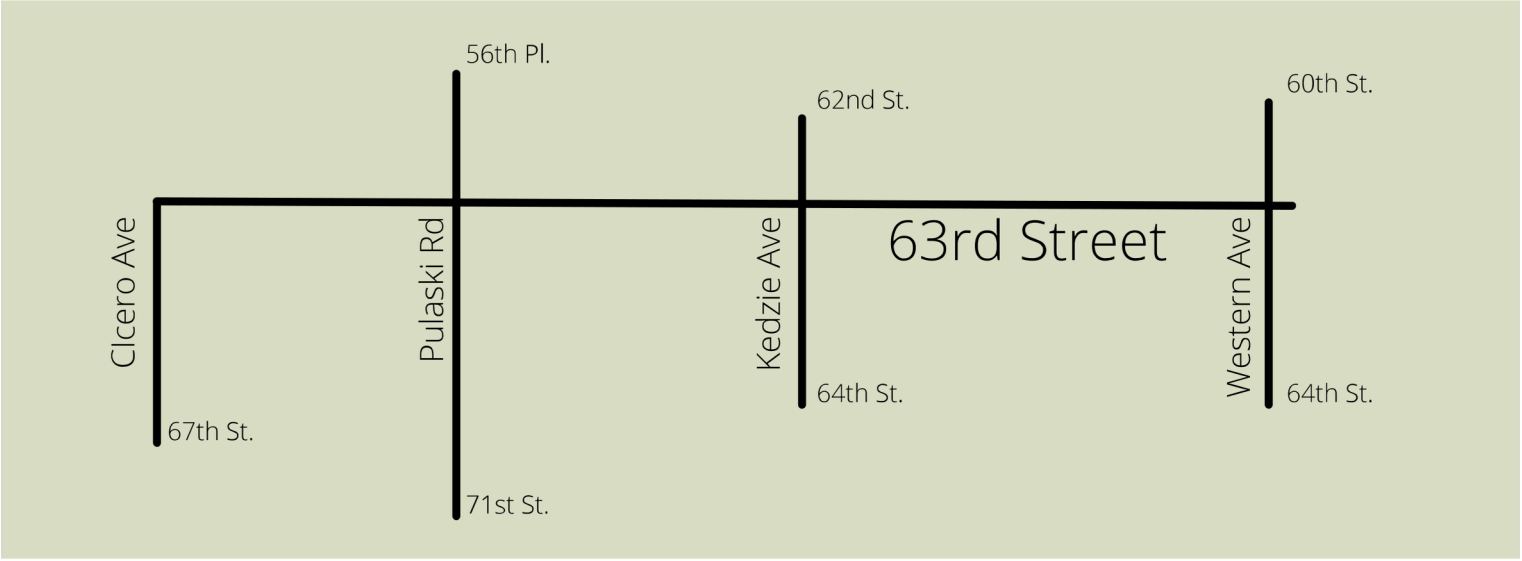
SSA #3

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

Shutters

HOW IT WORKS

Business owners, property owners, or authorized officers are eligible to apply for one or more programs. **Note this is a grant in the form of a reimbursement**. Funding amounts for all categories are determined by SSA board of commissioners based on budget restrictions and scope of work. **All applicants are responsible for paying the vendor.** A reimbursement will be provided once "after" pics, permits (if applicable) and paid invoices are submitted. Please allow a few weeks for check to be ready for pick up at our office.

Basic Facade

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

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

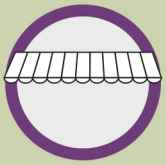
Large Facade

Funding from 25%- 90% of eligible cost, up to a maximum amount of **$30,000**

REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum of two estimates from two different contractors is required at time of application review. Façade improvements may include but not limited to:

- This facade is set aside for larger masonry, tuck-pointing and structural projects
- Cannot be used for signage



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 provided up to 90% of eligible cost, up to a maximum of **$3,000**

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

Basic Safety

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- At least one camera must face the right-of-way traffic.
- Cameras must have a resolution of 1080p HD quality or higher.
- Program must offer 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 of camera locations in the SSA district.
- Applicant must be in business for at least 6 months and equipment must remain in the building for at least 3 years.

Large Safety

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

REQUIREMENTS:

- The large safety rebate is set aside for properties requiring roll down shutters on their facade. This rebate requires two estimates from two different manufacturers/installers and must include pictures of expected shutters to be installed along with a short description of where the shutters will be located.

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 application
- Make sure it is signed by both the property and business owner
- Obtain all required documents & estimates submit completed application to GSDC at
- **SSAConnect@greatersouthwest.org or drop off completed applications at GSDC offices - 2601 W. 63rd Street M-F 9am through 5PM**

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 website for a complete scheduled 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

- Connect with vendor to start the project, this will require applicant to pay their portion of the cost up front.
- Obtain all the necessary permits.
- Need support obtaining permits?
- GSDC staff can help! Call our office for more information

PHASE 4: Final Payment

- **Submit "After" pictures, permits (if required), and paid invoices/receipts**
- **GSDC Will contact you when reimbursement check is ready at our office.**
- **Submit documents before the December 4, 2026 deadline.**

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 SSAconnect@greatersouthwest.org or call 773.735.6572

APPLICATION

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

☐ **Basic Façade** - Funding from 25% - 90% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of $10,000**

□ *Channel Letters* □ *Signage* □ *Doors and/or windows* □ *Tuck-pointing*

☐ **Large Facade** - Funding from 25%to 90% with a **maximum** of **$30,000**

□ *For larger tuck pointing/ masonry projects not including signage*

☐**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*

☐***Safety Shutters-*** *Funding from 25% to 90%, with a* ***maximum of $10,000***

□ *The shutter safety rebate is set aside for properties requiring roll down shutters on their facade*

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)

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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
- ☐ Property Owner
- ☐ Both (Property and Business Owner)
- ☐ Authorized Officer

Sex:
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Ethnicity/Race: (select all that apply)
- ☐ Native American/Alaska Native
- ☐ Black/African-American
- ☐ Latino/Hispanic
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ 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

- ☐ 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 will need to complete your projects and submit reimbursement

by Dec 4th, 2026

Form **W-9**
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Goto www.irs.gov/FormW9 forinstructions andthelatestinformation.

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

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9,see **Purpose of Form**, below.

Print or type. See **Specific Instructions** on page 3.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . .

Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions)

3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . ☐

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see **How to get a TIN**, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also **What Name and Number To Give the Requester** for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

		–							

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am 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.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments 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.

Sign Here **Signature of U.S. person** **Date**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

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**.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they