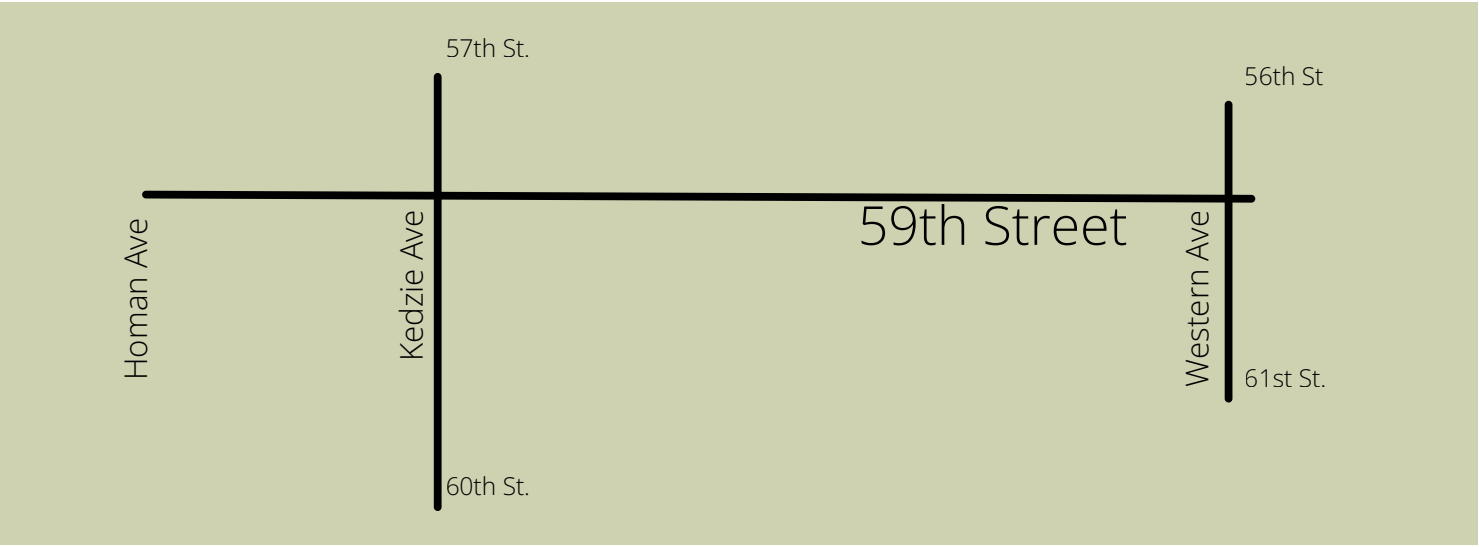
GREATER SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #59- 2022
Rebate Program

ABOUT SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #59-2022

The goal of the SSA #59-2022 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- 2022 BOUNDARIES



Rebate Program

The SSA#59-2022 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 #59-2022 rebate program will reimburse eligible applicants for renovation in the following categories.

Safety Enhancements

Façade

Awning

Graffiti Removal

INTERESTED IN APPLYING? CONTACT US AT 773.735.6572

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 #59-2022 board of commissioners based on budget restrictions and scope of work.

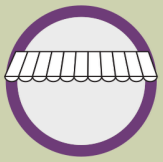
Façade

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

- Funding provided from 25% to 75% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of **$5,000**
- Applicant is 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.

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 provided from 25% to 75% of eligible cost, up to a maximum of **$1500**

- Applicant is 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.

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

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 **$2,000**

- Applicant is 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.

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 program.

Graffiti Removal

Applicant is 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.

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

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 #59-2022 application
- Make sure it is signed by both the property and business owner
- Obtain all required documents & estimates Submit completed application to GSDC to
- **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 #59-2022 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

- 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 out 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)

☐ **Façade Enhancements** - Funding from 25% - 75% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of $5,000**

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

☐**Awning**- Funding from 25%-75% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of $1,500**

☐**Safety Enhancement** – Funding from 25%-75% of eligible costs, with a **maximum of $2,000**

□ *Security Cameras* □ *Buzzer* □*Roll-down shutters* □ *Exterior lighting* ☐

☐**Graffiti Removal** – Funding of 100% **up to $300** 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)

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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 #59-2022) REBATE APPLICATION PACKET

_____ _____ _____
Signature | Printed Name | Date

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT, MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

☐ 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 you will need to complete your projects and submit reimbursement documents by December 4th, 2026.