

Ward 2 Residential Property Improvement Grant Guidelines - Fences

The Ward 2 Committee encourages residents to make improvements to fences in disrepair or in violation of the City of Aurora Property Maintenance Code including relocating chain link fences to the proper setback line in the front yards of their homes. Money from the Ward 2 Fund has been allocated to assist Ward 2 residents with these projects. The following rules will apply for this grant:

1. Applicant must be the owner-occupant of the subject property within Ward 2, City of Aurora, IL.
2. If the applicant is low income, they will qualify for a **maximum grant of \$7,500** from Ward 2 funds to be put toward the cost of the fence.
3. The applicant is responsible for choosing a licensed contractor. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for the project. The contractor must show evidence of prevailing wage. The grant will be paid directly to the contractor. Any amount due the contractor in excess of the \$7,500 grant is the responsibility of the property owner.
4. Work covered by this grant includes the removal of existing chain link fence from the front yard and replacement at the proper setback line with wrought iron in any design up to a maximum of five (5) feet back along each side of the house within permitted requirements and procedures of the Building & Permit Department. This program is intended to assist residents with existing fences that need to be replaced. It is not for residents without an existing fence, who would like to add a fence to their property.
5. The applicant cannot be reimbursed for any work on the project, including removal of an existing fence, unless the work is completed by a licensed contractor who is registered with the City and meets the requirements of the grant.
6. In order to demonstrate competitive pricing, owner-occupant must obtain three bids or estimates, one of which must be from a local vendor.
7. Qualifying properties must be located within Ward 2 and not qualified to receive duplicate funding through the City of Aurora.
8. All fencing proposals will be subject to review by a committee approved by the Ward 2 Alderwoman and Committee on a first-come, first-served basis budget permitting. Applicants whose projects are not considered in the current year may be put on a waiting list for the following year.
9. All outstanding City of Aurora liens or invoices related to the subject property and/or the applicant, must be paid before an application for funds under this grant will be approved.

