

Ward 2 Residential Property Improvement Grant Guidelines - Driveway

The Ward 2 Committee encourages residents to make improvements to driveways in disrepair or in violation of the City of Aurora Property Maintenance Code. 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. Qualifying properties must be located within Ward 2 and not qualified to receive duplicate funding through the City of Aurora.
2. If the applicant is low income, they will qualify for a **maximum grant of \$5,000.00** from Ward 2 funds to be put toward the cost of the fence or driveway project.
3. **The applicant is responsible for choosing a licensed contractor.** The contractor must show evidence of prevailing wage. The contractor must obtain all applicable permits for the work. The grant will be paid directly to the contractor. **Any amount due to the contractor in excess of the \$5,000.00 grant is the responsibility of the property owner.**
4. Work covered by this grant includes the removal of existing driveway. The applicant will choose asphalt or concrete to repave or repair the driveway within permitted requirements and procedures of the Building & Permit Department.
5. **The applicant cannot be reimbursed for any work on the project,** including removal of an existing driveway, unless the work is performed 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. All driveway 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.
8. 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.