# Minnetonka Code Compliance Loan Program Guidelines

The City of Minnetonka offers a commercial code compliance program that helps local businesses get their properties up to code. The program provides low-interest loans to help property owners make repairs to improve safety and structural integrity, address accessibility issues or address other identified areas of concern by city officials.

# **Loan Amount**

Up to \$25,000 (subject to credit requirements and program eligibility)

#### **Loan Term**

- Five years for loans less than \$15,000
- 10 years for loans between \$15,000 to \$25,000
- There is no prepayment penalty
- Payments will be made monthly

## **Interest Rate**

2-percent fixed interest rate

# **Match Amount**

At least 10 percent of the total project costs

# **Eligibility**

Commercial properties must be:

- Located within the City of Minnetonka or in the process of securing a location within Minnetonka.
- Addressing an active property maintenance corrective order issued by the city.
- A for-profit business legally allowed or licensed to operate within the City of Minnetonka and legally registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State in good standing.
- In compliance with city ordinances and licensing and must not have any delinquent taxes, bills or other charges due to the city.

# **Eligible Borrowers**

- Legal residents of the United States and a registered business in the State of Minnesota
- Property owner or tenant of the property where the corrective action is discussed or ordered by city staff.

# **Eligible Improvements**

Repairs may improve safety, structural integrity, address accessibility issues or address any other areas of concern as determined by the city staff. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Exterior painting
- Screening elements (i.e. fencing, visible mechanical screening, visible trash enclosures)
- Window and door repair or replacement
- Signage connected to the building
- Fire suppression or other related issue as requested by the city fire marshal
- Exterior lighting
- Building and health code related items
- ANSI/NSF approved equipment upgrades with approval from the city building official
- Parking lot improvements
- Improving exterior or architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or disabled persons to a premise
- Installation of exterior security devices
- Landscaping improvements

Improvements not on this list but required for correction per city staff can be considered eligible for this program on a case-by-case basis.

# For more information and full program guidelines:

- Visit mncee.org/minnetonka
- Call 612-335-5884
- Email bizsupport@minnetonkamn.gov





# Minnetonka Emergency Business Fund

The City of Minnetonka offers one-time assistance of up to \$2,500 to local businesses that have experienced an emergency or unforeseen circumstances that threaten the business operation and jeopardize job retention for employees.

# **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- Located within the City of Minnetonka and have a physical commercial property.
- A locally owned and operated business (including independently owned and operated franchises).
- A for-profit business legally allowed or licensed to operate within the City of Minnetonka and legally registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State in good standing.
- In compliance with city ordinances, codes and licensing and must not have any delinquent taxes, bills or other charges due to the city.
- Must have met with a business advisor or city staff to determine project need. City staff can provide recommendations for advisory services.

# **Eligible Expenses**

- Situational marketing assistance (e.g., in response to construction project, road closure, detour, natural disaster, etc.)
- Technical assistance (e.g., consulting, engineering, etc.)
- Unplanned relocation expenses (if within Minnetonka)
- Security updates
- Inventory
- Critical equipment repair
- Operational systems repair

# **Ineligible Expenses**

- Rent
- Payroll expenses
- Insurance costs
- Taxes/Utilities
- Other operating expenses/noncapital costs



### **Loan Amount**

A one-time forgivable emergency loan up to \$2,500

# **Loan Term**

All loan funds must be utilized within three months of a fully executed loan agreement.

For more information and full program guidelines:

• Email bizsupport@minnetonkamn.gov

