

Program Brochure



City of Somerville

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Office of
Strategic Planning &
Community
Development

Storefront Improvement Program

A key objective of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is to maintain and improve the quality of life for Somerville residents by actively supporting economically viable commercial districts. In so doing, we hope that these businesses may continue to contribute greatly to the stability and enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhoods. The *Storefront Improvement Program (SIP)*, summarized briefly in this brochure, has been established to aid business owners in the renovation of the street-level portion of their shops. This program, first launched in 1980, is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is administered by the Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD). Under the program, businesses and property owners are provided with technical and financial assistance for the restoration and renovation of their streetfront façade.



Dear Somerville Business
Owner,



One of the goals of my administration is to restore a sense of pride of ownership and responsibility throughout Somerville's business community. The small shops and businesses in Somerville are an integral part of our overall economic vitality. The Storefront Improvement Program, administered by our Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, offers business owners the opportunity to improve the street front appearance of their shops.

The Storefront Improvement Program is available in certain sections of Somerville to qualifying business owners and has been assisting business owners and enhancing storefronts in the City for more than 25 years. Rebates are made possible by funding from the office of Housing and Urban Development.

Find out if your business is eligible today, and take advantage of this great opportunity. We are pleased to continue encouraging the pride and strength of our local business community.

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Curtatone

Mayor

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Find out if you are in an eligible area by calling the Storefront Improvement Program Coordinator at the phone number on this page

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If you are in an eligible area, the City of Somerville may be able to assist your business with a grant for the improvement of your storefront

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Meet with the Storefront Improvement Program Coordinator to begin the process and fill out our application and review the guidelines

4

Show the Coordinator the plans for improvement that you plan to make to your storefront; plans are revised and approved by the City

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Contract issued between the City of Somerville and the storefront owner and work on the new façade begins under Program Guidelines.

*NOTE: these are abridged guidelines. To read the **complete SIP guidelines** and to request an official application for the storefront program, please call the number to the right and request a meeting with the Storefront Improvement Program Coordinator.*



To receive an SIP application and the complete program guidelines, contact the Storefront Improvement Program Coordinator at the address and phone number listed below:

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