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Route 29 Business Mini-Grant Program Expanded

In partnership with the EDA, the Route 29 Business Beatification Committee (Route 29BBC) has increased its match amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Any businesses along Route 29 Business (from the James River to Route 657 Cedar Gate Road) are invited to apply. Examples of qualifying improvements could be: sign replacement and restoration, landscaping, removal of blight, façade improvement, landscaping and tree planting, fresh paint on a building, curb painting and repairs, fencing to hide unattractive storage of supplies or waste.

For each approved grant, the Economic Development Association and the Route 29BBC will contribute up to \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000. Businesses must provide matching funds for their project.

Businesses can apply for the mini-grant application through the Community Development Department. Applications can be found on the county website under the “How Do I” tab: <https://www.countyofamherst.com/tools/>. Completed applications are presented for committee review at the Route 29BBC monthly meeting.



A previous grant recipient used the grant to help fund new siding and gutters.

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