

GPA PAINT GRANT

GUIDELINES

-Gifford Park Association shall budget an amount each year for the Paint Grant Program. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until budgeted funds are exhausted. Each year, the Gifford Park Association shall appoint the members of the Grant Committee which will be responsible for executing the Paint Grant.

-The Paint Grant shall include up to \$3000 total grant amount toward exterior paint, primer, and contracted labor. Up to \$500 of the \$3000 may be for paint color consultation for color selection and color placement. Labor performed by the property owner/s, or any members of their household, is not eligible for grant reimbursement. (NOTE: City of Elgin Preservation Specialist will recommend paint colors with no fee.)

-The cost of paint, primer, contracted labor, and/or color consultation will be reimbursed **after** the completion of the project and submission of receipts and paperwork. GPA shall own and retain a copy of any color consultation plans.

-Tools and equipment are not included in the grant.

-This grant may be combined with other GPA or City of Elgin grants. Only one Paint Grant per property every seven years.

-Participants must complete a Paint Color grant application as provided by the Gifford Park Association.

-Eligible properties shall be located in the Elgin Historic District. The property must be of residential use, including both owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied. There is no limit to the number of living units in a building.

-Participants shall not be disqualified on the basis of income level.

-Current members of the GPA Grant Committee shall not be eligible for Paint Grants.

-Only projects that include the primary structure and include painting all sides of the exterior shall be eligible for a paint grant. Secondary/accessory structures are eligible if they are part of a project that includes the primary structure.

-Paint color, to be approved by GPA, should be based on historic color palettes of Benjamin Moore or other similar historic paint palettes. Approval should occur **before** the purchase of paint.

-Participants have up to two years after paint color approval to complete their project.

-Paint schemes using bright, loud, garish, or harsh colors will not be eligible for paint grants. It is recommended that the building's roof color and the color of neighboring structures be considered when selecting paint schemes.

-A minimum of a three-color paint scheme should be used: BODY, TRIM, ACCENT.

BODY is defined as clapboard siding, shingle siding, stucco, or previously painted brick. NOTE: The Preservation Ordinance requires unpainted brick or stone masonry to remain unpainted. The natural color of brick or stone may count as one color/body in a three-color scheme.

TRIM is defined as window casings; window hoods and crown moldings; door casings; door hoods and crown moldings; water table boards; corner boards; porch posts, balustrades, wood porch aprons; brackets, and friezes; porch step risers and stringers; roof soffit, fascia, cornices, brackets; gable ornaments, etc.

ACCENTS are defined as doors; shutters; window sashes, storms and screens; garage doors; basement trap doors;

porch floors; etc. Judiciously placed accent color to highlight decorative features of the TRIM may be used/ approved.

-Structures with substitute materials such as asbestos siding, asphalt siding, aluminum siding, vinyl siding, T-111 siding, etc. shall not be eligible for paint grants.

-City of Elgin permit and COA are the responsibility of the property owner.

-Possible Color Consultants: The Color People: www.colorpeople.com

The Old House Guy: owner@oldhouseguy.com

-Some projects may require site visits by and/or discussions with the Grant Committee.

-Grant reimbursement shall occur upon satisfactory completion of the proposed project in a workman-like manner along with submission of all paid receipts, waivers of lien from all contractors and sub-contractors, and proof of ownership. This determination shall be the responsibility of the Grant Committee.

-Exceptions to the above guidelines shall require approval of the GPA board. __