



CDC Taché – Biz Beautification Incentive Program 2026

Program Overview:

Biz Beautification Incentive Program 2026 is a grant available through the Community Development Corporation of Taché (CDC Taché) for upgrading the appearance of building exteriors, structures or exterior spaces in main street areas of the communities within the RM of Taché. Projects may include things such as building facelifts/upgrading, new signage, lighting and landscaping enhancements.

New for 2026, the grant has been expanded to include new signage for businesses, including home-based businesses, located on main highways in the RM of Taché. Highways located in the RM of Taché that qualify are PR302, PR501, PR405, PR206, PR207, PR210, PTH12 or the Trans-Canada Highway.

The program provides selected applicants with a matching (50/50) grant of up to a maximum of \$2500, paid out upon completion of the project.

Note: Total project budgets may exceed \$5000 however the grant will not exceed \$2500 per applicant.

Program Objectives:

To help make improvements in the visual aesthetics of the main street areas occupied by businesses or to provide signage to businesses on main highways in the RM of Taché. These improvements will enhance the character and quality of our main street areas and help provide recognition of businesses operating on main highways, which is good for business and the community.

Program Guidelines:

Grants are for businesses and organizations located on a main street area or businesses on a main highway in the RM of Taché.

Grants are provided on a reimbursement basis (work is completed prior to accessing the grant).

- The applicant must provide the CDC Taché with copies of professional invoices and proof of payment prior to any reimbursement.

All projects must comply with municipal, provincial and federal regulations.

The maximum amount of any grant issued under this program shall not exceed 50% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of \$2500 per property, storefront or building.

A property or business may re-apply to the program if their project did not meet the maximum program grant of \$2500. However, once the maximum grant of \$2500 has been reached (in total for all projects), no further funding will be awarded.

Grants awarded for a particular project are not transferable to another property or property owner.

The CDC Taché together with the RM of Taché reserves the right to inspect all completed projects to ensure the monetary value coincides with the work indicated on the approved application. Should the CDC Taché or RM of Taché deem the monetary value of work to be less than that outlined in the application, the CDC Taché reserves the right to reduce the amount of the grant accordingly.

Grants will not be issued to correct any Building Code, Fire Code or Property Standards orders.

Businesses, including home-based businesses, on property not designated as commercial must provide proof that they have been granted conditional use by the RM of Taché.

The CDC Taché reserves the right to discontinue this program at any time.

Grants provided under this program are subject to the availability of funding. The number of projects awarded will be determined by funding availability.

Eligibility:

The Biz Beautification Incentive Program is available to the following groups who occupy a property on the main street area in the RM of Taché:

- commercial property owner(s) and their commercial tenant(s)
- Private businesses
- not for profit organizations,
- social enterprises or cooperatives

Beginning in 2026, the Biz Beautification Incentive Program is also available to businesses, commercial or private (including home-based businesses), that occupy property on one of the main highways in the RM of Taché.

Tenant(s) must provide written authorization from the registered property owner(s). Tenant(s) should have a minimum of two years remaining on a lease from the date of application.

Eligible costs will be limited to the cost of materials, equipment and contracted labor.

- GST and PST are not eligible

Applicants who are in arrears of any municipal financial obligations are not eligible.

Projects that have already received funding under any other municipal program are not eligible.

Any work initiated before the application for the Biz Beautification Incentive Program application is received and approved will not be eligible for funding.

Schools and churches are not eligible.

Application Process:

Submit applications to the RM of Taché's Economic Development Office at edo@rmtache.ca.

Note: It is suggested that you discuss your plans with the Economic Development Officer before completing the application process to ensure the proposed project complies with the program.

Applicants must include all the following:

- a completed application
- photographs of the business frontage prior to improvements (JPEG or PNG form)
- proper drawings, plans, schematics, etc. of any proposed improvement elements
- detailed budget
- quotes or estimates
- proof of property insurance
- Approval from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for signage along HWYs

Note: In certain cases, engineered drawings may be required.

Additional documents such as plans, evaluations or additional quotes or estimates may be requested.

Application Deadline:

Intake for applications for the Biz Beautification Incentive Program will commence on **May 13, 2026** at 09:00 AM (EST). Applications will be accepted until 11:59 PM (EST), **September 18, 2026**, or until all funding for the program has been awarded, whichever is earlier.

Application Approval:

Applications will be assessed by the CDC Taché on an as-received basis. Applications for proposed projects must be complete, and the projects must comply with the program. Applicants who are chosen for funding by the CDC Taché will be notified by email within 15 business days of application submission.

Approved projects will be awarded on an on-going basis until the program funding is exhausted or there are no further viable projects, whichever occurs earlier.

The RM of Taché's Zoning Bylaw and the Manitoba Building Code may be considered in the review of applications.

The CDC Taché reserves the right to accept or deny any applications. Not all applications are guaranteed funding. All information pertaining to applicant project details that are submitted will remain confidential.

The CDC Taché reserves the right to approve less than 50% of the requested funding.

Project Requirements:

Building or sign permits must be obtained prior to work starting. Starting work prior to obtaining all required permits will result in a forfeit from the funding.

Approval from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) for any signage located along or visible from provincial highways (if applicable)

Any signage located along or visible from a provincial highway must receive approval from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) prior to installation.

Proof of approval must be provided before funding is released.

Failure to obtain required provincial approvals will result in ineligibility for funding.

All contractors must be licensed by the Province of Manitoba and carry the required insurance.

Construction contracts will be between the applicant and the contractor.

Applicants that require partial closure of the sidewalk in front of their business are required to contact the RM of Taché Planning Office to review requirements and acquire approval prior to construction. Failure to comply may result in a forfeit of the funding.

Project Completion Deadline:

All work, invoices and final reports must be completed and submitted by **December 31, 2026**. The CDC Taché may, upon request, provide an extension where circumstances beyond an applicant's control would result in not being able to meet this deadline. Extensions will be at the discretion of the CDC Taché. Financial constraints will not be considered beyond an applicant's control.

Payment of Grant:

Upon completion of the project, the applicant must provide the CDC Taché with:

- copies of invoices
- proof of payment
- photographs of business frontage after project completion (JPEG or PNG form)

RM of Taché Staff may conduct an inspection of the completed work and verify the accuracy of all invoices.

Upon satisfaction of project completion by the CDC Taché, grant funding will be issued within thirty (30) days.

Other Details

Recognition of contributions from the CDC Taché must be shared by applicants via photography, social media post, or written article.

Approved projects, following applicants' signed agreements, will be announced on the CDC Taché social media feeds (project title and short descriptor, not individual names)

Approved projects must be completed as presented to receive grant funding. Changes to the project scope must be brought back to the CDC Taché prior to work commencing for reapproval. The CDC Taché reserves the right to deny funding for projects that change after approval.

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Business Applicant Checklist

Step 1: Confirm Eligibility

- ☐ My business is located in the RM of Taché
 - ☐ My business is located on a **main street OR a qualifying main highway**
 - ☐ I am one of the following:
 - ☐ Commercial property owner or tenant
 - ☐ Private business (including home-based on highways)
 - ☐ Not-for-profit / social enterprise / cooperative
 - ☐ I am **not in arrears** of any municipal financial obligations
 - ☐ This project has **not received other municipal funding**
 - ☐ I have **NOT started work yet** (projects started before approval are not eligible)
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Step 2: Property Requirements

- ☐ If I am a tenant, I have **written permission from the property owner**
 - ☐ If leasing, I have **at least 2 years remaining on my lease**
 - ☐ If property is not commercial, I have **conditional use approval from the RM**
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Step 3: Prepare Your Application

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Photos of current business frontage
- ☐ Drawings / plans / sketches of proposed improvements
- ☐ Detailed project budget
- ☐ Quotes or estimates
- ☐ Proof of property insurance

If applicable:

- ☐ Approval from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) for signage along or visible from highways
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Step 4: Submit Application

- ☐ Submit to: **edo@rmtache.ca**
 - ☐ Submit **before September 18, 2026, deadline**
 - ☐ (Recommended) Discuss project with Economic Development Officer before applying
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Step 5: After Approval (Before Starting Work)

- ☐ Obtain all required **permits (building/sign permits)**
 - ☐ Ensure all contractors are **licensed and insured**
 - ☐ If project impacts sidewalk, obtain **RM approval**
 - ☐ Confirm MTI approval (if highway signage applies)
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Step 6: Complete Your Project

- ☐ Begin work within **1 month of approval**
 - ☐ Complete project as approved (no changes without permission)
 - ☐ Finish project by **December 31, 2026**
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Step 7: Submit for Reimbursement

- ☐ Copies of invoices
 - ☐ Proof of payment
 - ☐ Photos of completed project
 - ☐ Be prepared for possible inspection
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Step 8: Final Requirements

- ☐ Acknowledge CDC Taché support (social media, photo, or article)
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Important Notes

- Funding is **50/50 up to a maximum of \$2,500**
- Grant is **reimbursement-based (you pay first, then get reimbursed)**
- Projects must comply with **municipal, provincial, and federal regulations**