



# 8MBA FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## Program Overview



The 8MBA Façade Improvement Program is designed to encourage aesthetic enhancement and visually unify the corridor by providing financial assistance to businesses and/or property owners located on Eight Mile Road. The Eight Mile Boulevard Association will be the administering body for the program and will work directly with successful applicants to achieve a more unified and pleasing environment.

Applicants are required to be, or become a member of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association at, or above, the Bronze Level (\$108).

### INCENTIVES FOR QUALIFIED PROJECTS

All selected recipients will receive architectural assistance. A licensed architect, retained by 8MBA, will provide drawings, specifications and consultations.

To achieve the greatest interest and impact, the financial incentive outlined below is available for selected projects:

**Façade Improvement Grant:** 8MBA will match up to 50% (maximum \$10,000) of actual cost of eligible façade renovations. Total grant award will be made as a reimbursement upon completion of agreed upon renovations and inspection by 8MBA Review Committee.

### HOW TO APPLY/JOIN 8MBA

Please visit our website at [www.eightmile.org](http://www.eightmile.org) to download an application or contact the Eight Mile Boulevard Association directly at 313.366.3388.

## Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be used to review and rate applications for the 8MBA Façade Improvement Program. Criteria are derived from the *8 Mile Framework for Unifying Elements* (available on our website at [www.eightmile.org](http://www.eightmile.org)). Criteria are weighted with a maximum score of 100 points.

**Streetscape Aesthetics and Functionality** (up to 25 points) Degree to which the proposed project enhances the streetscape, including the addition or enhancement of display windows, awnings, signage, color, landscaping, handicapped accessibility and/or architectural amenities such as arcades, and balconies.

**Remove Blight and Create Positive Impact to Corridor** (up to 25 points) Degree to which the proposed project upgrades or eliminates substandard structures and provides overall improvement to the area.

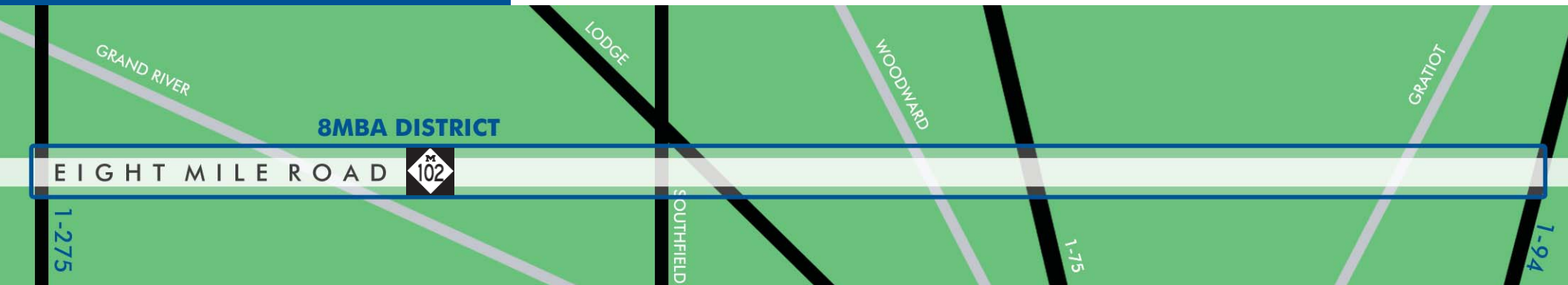
**Complies with 8MBA Design Guidelines** (up to 25 points) Degree to which the proposed project complies with the 8MBA Design Guidelines available on website.

**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design** (up to 15 points) Degree to which the proposed project will promote and improve safety.

**Year Constructed, Historic Preservation and Materials** (up to 10 points) Degree to which the proposed project promotes historic preservation, adaptive re-use of historic structures, site design, architecture, materials, landscaping, and other visual and physical amenities.

## Application Process

- 1 Façade Improvement Application submitted to 8MBA.
- 2 8MBA Review Committee selects qualified applicants.
- 3 8MBA notifies applicant of award.
- 4 8MBA and architects meet with applicant to develop design.
- 5 Drawings submitted to 8MBA Review Committee.
- 6 8MBA Review Committee approves or provides written comments on drawings.
- 7 Final design approved by applicant.
- 8 Applicant obtains three construction bids and a bidder is selected with copies to 8MBA.
- 9 Applicant obtains building permit (if necessary).
- 10 Total grant determined and Façade Improvement Agreement signed by 8MBA and applicant.
- 11 Construction begins.
- 12 8MBA Review Committee conducts final inspection upon construction completion.
- 13 Applicant submits paid invoice(s) for reimbursement.



# EIGHT MILE BOULEVARD ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW



The Eight Mile Boulevard Association (8MBA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1993 by 13 communities and 3 counties, which share a common border on Eight Mile Road between I-94 (east) and I-275 (west), to encourage economic development and create solutions.



8MBA staff will work together with these communities, as well as Michigan Department of Transportation, businesses, non-profit organizations and local residents along Eight Mile.



*Our mission is to revitalize and promote the Eight Mile business, transportation and residential corridor by linking the efforts of the public and private sectors.*



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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Available to all properties located on Eight Mile within the 8MBA District.

Commercial and industrial properties are eligible to apply (written approval from property owner is required if not owned by applicant).

All applicants must comply with local municipal building requirements (permits obtained when necessary).

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ENTRANCES, DOORS, WINDOWS, ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL OR AWNINGS (INSTALL, REPAIR, REPLACE)
- SIGNAGE (REMOVE, REPAIR, REPLACE)
- ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (ACCENTUATE WITH LIGHTING, PAINTING, RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT)
- MASONRY, STONE OR TILE FOR FACADES OR SCREEN/KNEE WALLS THAT SEPARATE PARKING AREAS FROM A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (INSTALL, CLEAN OR REPAIR)
- DECORATIVE SECURITY FENCE (REPAIR OR REPLACE)
- BARRIER-FREE ACCESS

## INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS
- SIDEWALK REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT (CONSIDERED WHEN COMBINED WITH A BARRIER-FREE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT)
- ROOF (CONSIDERED WHEN COMBINED WITH ELIGIBLE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT)
- PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS (CONSIDERED WHEN COMBINED WITH AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY)
- LANDSCAPING (CONSIDERED WHEN COMBINED WITH AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY)
- SCREEN WALLS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY A ZONING ORDINANCE TO SEPARATE ZONING DISTRICTS

*The activities listed above are general descriptions. Please contact the Eight Mile Boulevard Association for specific project inquiries.*

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