What is the Small Neighborhood Matching Grants Program?

The Small Neighborhood Matching Grants Program is an incentive to encourage small improvements or beautification projects for residential properties within the City's historic districts. This program provides matching funds of up to 50% of the total project cost.

Who is eligible for the program?

Eligible residential properties are any properties located within the Old Town Rockwall (OTR) Historic District or the Southside Residential Neighborhood (SRO) Overlay District.

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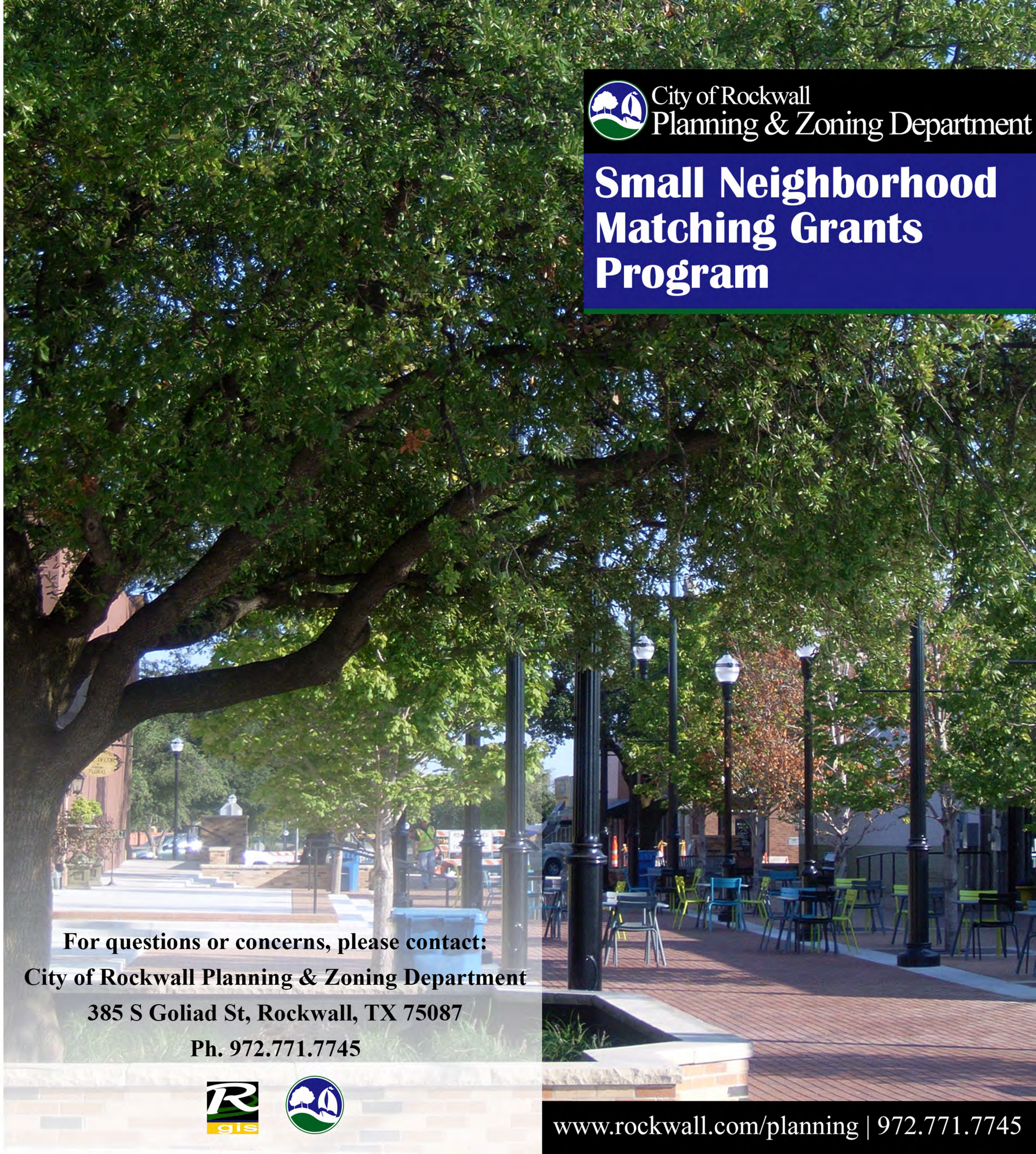

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Is there a minimum amount for a project?

Regardless of a property's status no matching grant shall be approved for an amount of less than $100.00 (i.e. project minimum $200.00).

Will I receive the money up front or will I have to be reimbursed?

The City of Rockwall will issue a check to the applicant once the approved project has been completed and reviewed by staff.

How much will my property by eligible for?

Non-Contributing properties are eligible for a total grant amount of up to $500.00

Contributing properties or *Landmarked Properties* are eligible for a grant amount up to $1,000.00.

What is the difference between a non-contributing property, a contributing property, and a landmark property?

A non-contributing property generally provides no contribution to the local history or the built environment, and is generally due to the age of the structure, alterations, additions, or other changes tto the structure that lessens its historical integrity.

A contributing property provides historical value or significance.

A landmark property is a property or structure not contiguous to or part of an existing historic district, however, it is deemed worth of preserving due to its historic significance.

Can interior work qualify for the program?

Only projects proposing improvements to the outside of a property visible from the street shall be eligible for the program. Examples of these projects include but are not limited to landscaping, painting, replacement of windows, replacement of sidewalks and/or driveways, and etc.

What is the process for applying for the Small Neighborhood Matching Grants Program?

1) Submit an application to City staff prior to the commencement of the proposed project. The application can be found at *https://sites.google.com/site/rockwallplanning/documents.*
2) Upon receipt of a completed application City staff shall

    1) process the request,
    2) verify that the improvements have not commenced, and
    3) prepare a memorandum to the Historic Advisory Board (HPAB) outlining the request

3) The HPAB will review the application and either approve, deny, or modify the request.
4) Upon action of the HPAB, work may commence on the proposed project.
5) Upon completion of the project the applicant shall

    1) Submit all receipts to staff
    2) Staff will issue a reimbursement.

What do I need in order to apply?

A complete application consists of:

1) The application form,
2) A list of all improvements associated with the project, and
3) Any additional information deemed necessary for HPAB to make a determination.

How long does the process take?

The process can take up to 60 days for approval from HPAB; however, it is typically resolved within 30 days.

Will I be required to submit receipts for the cost of the project?

Yes, you will be required to submit receipts for the cost of the project in order to receive the matching grants.