



About the Program

The Pathmark Advisory Taskforce (PATF) Fund was developed when the supermarket chain opened its new location at the corner of Merrick and Springfield Boulevards in Laurelton. The fund is geared towards storefront enhancement and all awards must be used for signage, awnings, or other related façade or structural improvements. Businesses may be able to **receive up to \$7,000** for work done to improve their storefronts. The fund was established to help offset potential negative economic impacts that the presence of Pathmark may have on small businesses in the area. Original attempts to distribute funds to eligible merchants were ineffective. The fund is currently being managed through the office of Councilman James Sanders (D-Laurelton). Councilman Sanders summoned the assistance of the Queens Economic Development Corporation to help market the program to eligible merchants in the area. It was determined that businesses within a 3-mile radius of the Pathmark site would be eligible to apply for funding. This includes businesses in parts of Laurelton, Rosedale, St. Albans, Jamaica, Cambria Heights, Hollis, and Queens Village. Unfortunately, due to limited funds, not all applicants will be awarded a grant. The PATF committee will review all applications and grant awards based on need and the feasibility of the project. Merchants will **not** have to submit any financial information about their business in order to participate in the program.

Eligibility & Requirements

- All proposed work must be storefront-oriented. The fund is aimed at enhancing the outside appearance of your store. This includes work done for awnings, signage, gates, doors, windows, stairs, outside walls, outside lighting etc. Funding is **not** available for purchasing inventory, machinery, or covering operational costs.
- The business must provide three (3) bids for the cost of the proposed work.
- If the merchant is not the owner of the building, he/she must obtain a notarized letter from the landlord approving the proposed work.
- All applications should be forwarded to the Queens Economic Development Corporation or the Office of Councilman James Sanders at the addresses listed below.
- Stipulations requiring before & after photos of the work performed may apply.

Contact Information

For technical questions about the program regarding eligibility or grant award procedure, please contact:

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