

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

Program Overview

The 2019 Shared Cost Sidewalk Program will open to new applicants on January 8, 2019.

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program cost per square foot charged to property owners is well below what a private contractor would charge. Senior citizens and persons with disabilities may qualify to receive a 50 percent discount.

The scope of a Shared Cost Sidewalk Program project is limited to sidewalk within the public right-of-way, and may include the main walk, the sidewalk thru a driveway, the existing courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb), and existing landing steps (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb). Sidewalk on private property will only be included if needed for transition purposes; otherwise it is **NOT** eligible for replacement under the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. Owners of corner properties will be charged for sidewalk on both the main (address) side and the non-address side of the property. CDOT will continue to build ADA-compliant corner ramps where applicable, with the City paying the entire cost of the ramps.

Replacement of sidewalk is based on engineering considerations. In order to minimize the cost to property owners and increase the number of Shared Cost Sidewalk Program participants, only the portion of sidewalk in need of replacement as determined by CDOT is eligible for the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program pricing. The property owner does have the option to replace the entire sidewalk in front of the property. However, the entire cost to remove and replace the portion of sidewalk determined by CDOT to be in good condition will be charged to the property owner. **NO** senior or persons with disabilities discount will be applied to this work. To clarify, the City will not pay for removal and replacement of sidewalk in good condition.

Due to significant participant interest, the removal and replacement of **permitted** driveway aprons (the portion of driveway between the sidewalk and curb) can be added to the project. However, the entire cost to remove and replace the driveway apron will be charged to the property owner. **No** senior or persons with disabilities discount will apply to this work. To clarify, the City will not pay for removal and replacement of driveway aprons.

For the 2019 program, applications will be taken on a **first-come, first-served basis**. The number of participants is based on availability of funds.

Applications will only be accepted through the City's 311 system by calling 311 or through the City's service request website www.311chicago.gov/311.

- Make sure to specify that you want to participate in the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program.
- If you currently do not have a courtesy walk or landing step and would like one installed, this should be mentioned at the time of request. Installation is subject to engineering recommendation.
- If you are interested in removal and replacement of the driveway apron, this should be mentioned at the time of request.
- You must give the property owner's complete name, a contact phone number, email address if available, and the property's complete address. **Please note that Shared Cost Sidewalk Program applications that are missing any of this requested information may not be processed.**

Once the program budget amount is met, the program will close for the year. Applicants will be notified via U.S. mail indicating whether they have been included into the 2019 Shared Cost Sidewalk Program.

Applicants included in the program will receive a bill in the spring indicating the property owner amount due. Payment in full must be made to the City's Department of Finance within the timeframe indicated on the bill in order for work to proceed.

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program continues to provide great value to property owners while helping improve neighborhoods. Should you have any questions, please contact CDOT at (312) 744-1746 or e-mail cdotsharedcost@cityofchicago.org.