

FAQs

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN I MAKE WITH THIS PROGRAM?

This program reimburses property owners for the cost of replacing concrete curbs, sidewalks and ADA ramps in the public right-of-way. It does not cover expenses for tree removal, damaged irrigation equipment, sidewalk tiles in driveway approaches or any required resodding.

WHICH CONTRACTOR SHOULD I USE?

The City cannot recommend contractors for work. Contractors do, however, need to be bonded with the Department of Public Works. To check whether a contractor is licensed and bonded or to request a list, call 311.

CAN I STILL APPLY IF I'VE HAD WORK DONE OR STARTED ON MY CURB AND SIDEWALK?

Any work completed before the application is approved will not qualify for the reimbursement program.

El 2025 Ciudad de South Bend de Freno & Acera Programa ofrece reembolsos para el reemplazo de las bordillos y las aceras existentes para viviendas residenciales y propiedades comerciales dentro de los límites de la ciudad. Todo el trabajo debe ser realizado por contratistas autorizados vinculados con el Departamento de obras públicas de la ciudad. Para inscribirse en el programa, los dueños de la propiedad deben llenar una solicitud en southbendin.gov/curbsidewalkprogram. Para obtener más información, contacte con 311.

Questions? Call 311.

Program Application:
southbendin.gov/curbsidewalkprogram

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2025 CURB & SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



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ABOUT

The City of South Bend's Curb & Sidewalk Reimbursement Program assists property owners in making needed repairs to curbs and sidewalks abutting their properties. Per Chapter 18, Article 3 of the South Bend Municipal Code, the maintenance and repair of curb and sidewalk is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

APPLICATION

The 2025 Curb & Sidewalk Program offers reimbursement for replacement of existing curbs, sidewalks and ADA ramps within city limits. Applications can be found at southbendin.gov/curbsidewalkprogram.

All work must be done by licensed contractors bonded with the City's Department of Public Works. An estimated reimbursement amount, based on the amount of curb and sidewalk work planned, will be given during the pre-approval process. After construction is completed, a copy of the proof of payment along with the signed application must be submitted by November 7, 2025 to receive reimbursement. Final reimbursement will be determined by the total work completed and will not exceed the amount provided during the pre-approval process.

2025 Reimbursement Amounts

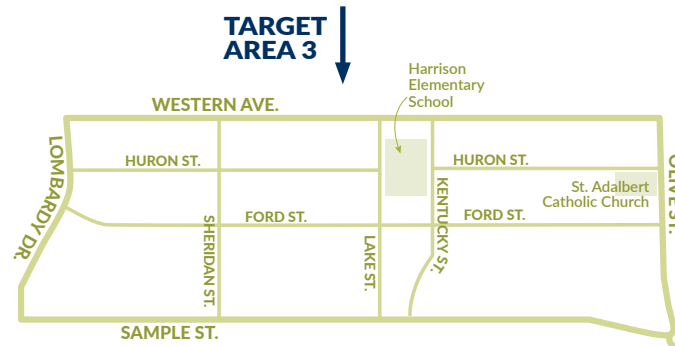
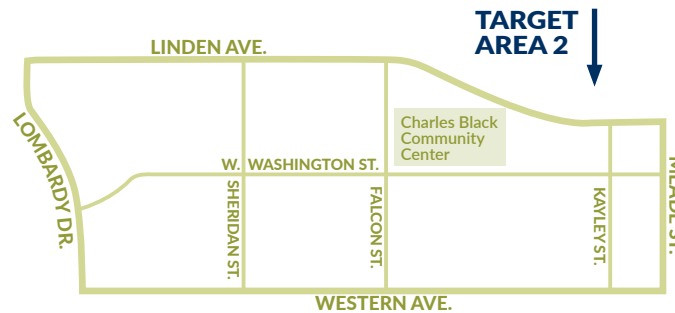
	Homeowner Occupied	Homeowner Occupied (In Target Area)	*All Other
CURB	\$15 per linear ft.	\$30 per linear ft.	\$7.50 per linear ft.
SIDEWALK	\$20 per linear ft.	\$40 per linear ft.	\$10 per linear ft.
ADA RAMP	\$950 per ramp	\$950 per ramp	\$950 per ramp

* Includes landlords, businesses, churches, schools, etc.

TARGET AREAS

For 2025, the City has selected three target areas based on income and conditions of sidewalks. Homeowners who live within these target areas will receive a higher reimbursement amount.

TARGET AREAS



PROCESS

1. PROJECT ESTIMATE

Contact a licensed contractor for an estimate on curb and/or sidewalk repair work on your property.

2. APPLICATION

Visit southbendin.gov/curbsidewalkprogram to fill out an application and include the contractor's estimate with your submission. Email application and contractor's estimate to rowpermitoffice@southbendin.gov.

3. PRE-APPROVAL

The City will complete a pre-construction inspection of the project and give pre-approval within five business days of receiving an application.

4. PERMITS

Instruct the contractor to get sidewalk construction and occupancy permits from the City's Engineering Office, by emailing rowpermitoffice@southbendin.gov or calling 574.235.9254.

5. CONSTRUCTION

Once the contractor has completed the project and has been paid, email proof of payment (signed contractor invoice) along with a copy of the pre-approval application to rowpermitoffice@southbendin.gov by November 7, 2025.

6. REIMBURSEMENT

The City completes post construction inspection at the property. Upon a successful inspection, a reimbursement check will be mailed within six weeks.