

Is your neighborhood ready for a Renaissance?



What is the Challenge? The Renaissance Block Challenge encourages groups of neighbors to collaborate on exterior improvements to their properties with the goal of building confidence in Jamestown's neighborhoods and spurring others to reinvest.

Thirty-five groups received designation as Renaissance Blocks between 2011 and 2017 leading to over \$150,000 invested in exterior improvements by 400 participating property owners.

What are the benefits? Participating property owners in a Renaissance Block are eligible for the following assistance, regardless of income:

- **Matching funds** - a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$2,000, for exterior work. For example, if \$500 is spent, a \$250 match will be made. If \$4,000 is spent, the match is \$2,000.
- **Access to discounts from sponsoring hardware stores and garden centers**
- **Discounts from coordinated purchasing of materials or services**
- **Design assistance**

How can I participate? To enter the 2018 Challenge, you need to:

1. Recruit a cluster of neighbors to participate with you—at least **FIVE** participating properties are needed to make a cluster (homeowners, landlords and businesses are eligible).
2. Complete a pre-application by **Friday, December 8, 2017**, listing the participants in your cluster. Pre-applications for 2018 will be available in October 2017 at the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation's Web site, www.jamestownrenaissance.org.
3. Pre-applications will be reviewed. Invitations for participating in the final application will be issued in January 2018. The final application will ask each participant to outlining and obtain estimates for the work they would like to pursue in 2018. Cluster finalist will be announced in March 2018. The number of 2018 Renaissance Blocks will depend on available funding and the pool of applicants. Selection criteria will be included with the program's application materials.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the program with JRC staff, contact **Mary Maxwell at 716-489-3493**, or send an e-mail to mary@jamestownrenaissance.org. **This information is subject to change.**

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