



Renaissance BLOCK Challenge

2-year grant (2025 – 2026)



Wilson Place



Chestnut



Hillside Terrace

What is the Challenge?

The 2025 - 2026 Renaissance Block Challenge (RBC) encourages groups of neighbors **within a targeted area** to collaborate on exterior improvements to their properties with the goal of building confidence in Jamestown's neighborhoods and spurring others to reinvest.

Designation as Renaissance Blocks
between 2011 and 2023

60 groups

over 725 property owners
over 2 million dollars

invested in curb appeal exterior improvements.

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 \$3,000, for exterior curb appeal work. For example, if \$500 is spent, a \$250 match will be made. If \$6,000 is spent, the match is \$3,000.
- **Access to discounts from sponsoring hardware stores and garden centers.**
- **Discounts from coordinated purchasing of materials or services.**

How can I participate? To enter the 2025 - 2026 Challenge, you need to:

1. Own property within the Northside RBC Target Area Section #2. (see map)
2. Recruit a cluster of neighbors to participate with you - at least **SIX** participating properties are needed to make a cluster (homeowners, landlords and businesses are eligible).
3. Complete the pre-application listing the participants in your cluster and their contact information. Submit the application between August 1 and Tuesday, September 3rd to the JRC. Attention: Mary Maxwell, JRC, 200 East 3rd Street, Jamestown, NY. Pre-applications are available at <https://www.JamestownRenaissance.org/RBC> or via e mail: mary@JamestownRenaissance.org
4. Schedule a group meeting of your cluster participants with the Neighborhood Project Director to discuss grant requirements and final application.
5. Pre-applications will be reviewed. The number of Renaissance Block clusters will depend on available funding and the pool of applicants.



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