

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

Program Overview

After reaching capacity in 2011, the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program will re-open to participants on January 1, 2012.

For 2012 the unit cost charged to homeowners remains \$3 per square foot. That cost is well below what a private contractor would charge, and remains an excellent value. Senior citizens and those with disabilities will continue to receive a 50 percent discount.

The scope of a Shared Cost project includes the main walk, the courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb), and existing catwalks/landing steps (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb). Owner-occupants of corner properties will continue to be charged for both the main (address side) sidewalk and the sidewalk on 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 is based on engineering considerations. The scope of the repair work will be determined by CDOT.

For the 2012 program, applicants will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis**. **Applications will only be accepted through the City's 311 system (phone or website).**

- Make sure to specifically note that you want to participate in the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program.
- If you currently do not have a courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb) and would like one installed, it must be mentioned at the time of request. Installation is subject to engineering recommendation.
- You must give the building owner-occupant's complete name with a contact phone number, and the building's complete address. **Please note that Shared Cost Sidewalk Program applications that are missing any of this requested information will not be processed.**

Once the program budget amount is met, the program will close for the year.

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 cdotnews@cityofchicago.org.