

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

Program Overview

The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program will re-open to participants on **January 13, 2015**.

For 2015 the unit cost charged to homeowners will be \$4 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 may qualify to receive a 50 percent discount.

The scope of a Shared Cost Sidewalk Program project may include the main walk, 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). 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 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 owner-occupant does have the option to replace the entire sidewalk in front of the property. However, the cost to remove and replace the portion of sidewalk determined by CDOT to be in good condition must be entirely paid by the owner-occupant. **No** senior or persons with disabilities discount will apply to this work.

Due to significant Shared Cost Sidewalk Program 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 homeowner. **No** senior or persons with disabilities discount will apply to this work.

For the 2015 program, applicants will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

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

- 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) or landing step (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb) 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 (the portion of driveway between the sidewalk and curb), this should be mentioned at the time of request.
- You must give the building owner-occupant's complete name, 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.