

## What is the Design Assistance Program?

The Design Assistance Program (DAP) is meant to help property owners minimize the impacts of additions, alterations, and new construction on neighbors and on the overall historic character of Fort Collins. This is done by providing up to \$2,000 for design assistance for projects that impact a building's exterior. The program enables and encourages owners to utilize the expertise of qualified consultants with documented experience in compatible historic design for new construction, alterations, and project planning. Approved consultants have demonstrated competency in promoting design compatibility within the historic context.

Below is an example of a DAP project where the homeowner wanted to incorporate the back porch into the existing kitchen. This took minimal exterior changes and helped the owners expand their kitchen space.

BEFORE



AFTER



## Why should I participate?

This is your opportunity to team up with approved consultants that understand design compatibility and technical preservation with the City paying up to \$2,000 for the plans or information! We have had many successful projects as a result of the DAP, such as this update to a 1966 apartment building:



## How do I know if I can participate?

If the property is designated as a Fort Collins Landmark or in a district, you automatically qualify! Properties generally located within the Old Town neighborhoods, Sheely Drive Neighborhood, and adjacent to Landmarks or Landmark Districts are also eligible. Contact the Historic Preservation department at 970.224.6078.

## What are the Guidelines?

The guidelines are different depending on if you have a designated property, individually eligible to be designated property, or not individually eligible to be designated property. Generally though, the project must be for exterior work or technical studies related to the preservation of the house. Examples of projects that are likely funded are interior remodels to improve space functionality, finishing basements, and plans for reconstruction work based on historic photographs of the property.

## How do I know if I am Individually Wligible?

Contact staff: [cbumgarner@fcgov.com](mailto:cbumgarner@fcgov.com) or 970-416-4250. We will be able to tell you if there is a current determination of eligibility on file and if not, how to get a determination completed. To complete a determination of eligibility, staff will need to receive a signed owner form and photographs of all sides of all buildings on the property. The process takes no more than two weeks.

## How can this be used in conjunction with Landmark Design Review?

## What other financial incentives do you offer to Fort Collins Landmarks?

Following the DAP guidelines for designated and eligible buildings will help you have a smooth and quick Landmark Design Review process. All work done on Fort Collins Landmarks must go through Landmark Design Review so using the financial incentives helps you find a solution that meets your needs and preserves the integrity of your property.



Fort Collins also offers the Landmark Rehabilitation 0% Interest Loans. The goal of the program is to improve the quality and integrity of designated historic resources so the city provides up to \$7,500 a year in a zero interest loan to

owners of Fort Collins Landmarks. More information about this program is available on our website: <https://www.fcgov.com/historicpreservation/landmark-rehabilitation.php>.

## Can I participate if my property is not individually eligible?

Yes! Part of the goal of the program is to retain neighborhood compatibility. There are specific guidelines for non-eligible properties, which can be found on the website: <https://www.fcgov.com/historicpreservation/design-assistance.php>. For additional guidelines for non-eligible properties, please look at the [Old Town Neighborhoods Design Guidelines](#) as a reference document.

## I'm interested! How do I learn more?

We have more information about the DAP on the Historic Preservation website: <https://www.fcgov.com/historicpreservation/design-assistance.php>. This is a fun program meant to help inspire creative design solutions, maintain property eligibility, and support overall neighborhood compatibility. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Resources

- [Fort Collins Municipal Code Chapter 14](#)
- [City of Fort Collins Historic Preservation](#)
- [City of Fort Collins Demolition/Alteration](#)
- [City of Fort Collins Landmark Designation Review](#)
- [City of Fort Collins Old Town Neighborhoods Design Guidelines](#)

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