



CITY OF CHADRON

234 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 390, CHADRON, NE 69337-0390

The City of Chadron Sidewalk Improvement Plan 2026

PURPOSE

It has become well-known that walkable neighbourhoods are a desirable attribute of cities for the younger generation of mobile workers. Smooth, well-maintained, easily accessible and wide sidewalks add to the attractiveness and enhance the property values of downtowns and residential neighbourhoods. While it is a long-established requirement in the City of Chadron that property owners must have and maintain a sidewalk or, on some properties, sidewalks that are compliant with current standards of usability, sidewalks have frequently been treated as an unimportant “frill”, too often ignored at the time of property development and ignored again as they deteriorate. To correct this problem, the City of Chadron is initiating a Sidewalk Improvement Plan to incentivize residential property owners to install new sidewalks where they have not been installed, to repair damaged sidewalks on their property, or to totally replace sidewalks that are beyond repair or that do not meet current standards.

ELIGIBILITY

This program is available for all owner-occupied residential properties located in the city of Chadron. A project funded by this program must be for the repair, replacement, or installation of a residential sidewalk in order to be eligible. New home construction, where sidewalks are required by Municipal Code are not eligible. Driveway approaches and aprons are not eligible. In order for a sidewalk repair or installation to be eligible for this program, all necessary permits must be obtained and the work must be completed in accordance with all City, State, and Federal codes and regulations, including the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Only projects started on or after the date of adoption of this Plan by the Chadron City Council are eligible for participation.

FUNDING

The city of Chadron will fund this plan through the City’s General Fund Budget. The funding amount will be determined by the City Council annually. When funds are not available, grants under the Plan will not be made.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant will reimburse a homeowner for fifty percent (50%) of the cost of materials and labour for the repair, or total replacement of an existing sidewalk or the installation of a new sidewalk up to a maximum of \$1,500 for a four-foot-wide sidewalk and up to a maximum of \$3,000 for a five-foot-wide sidewalk (curb-side sidewalk or SRTS sidewalk). If a Sidewalk Improvement project also requires curb cuts, this program will reimburse the homeowner for up to \$500 of the cost of installing the curb cut (s). This curb-cut reimbursement will be in addition to the amount granted for the sidewalk construction.

A property owner may participate in this sidewalk improvement program by submitting a Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant application to City of Chadron, PO Box 390, Chadron, Nebraska 69337. The application must be submitted no later than May 22nd of 2026.

Applications will be reviewed by the City Manager and the Zoning/Building Official. The applications will be screened to ensure projects meet the eligibility requirements and any priority criteria established by the City Council and recommend the most qualified projects to the Council for funding. It is the intent of this program that Council’s decision on funding will be made no later June 1st.

Thank you for your interest in participating in The City of Chadron's Sidewalk Improvement Plan. Here are some basic aspects of the Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant process. Please complete the grant application and return it to the City of Chadron, PO Box 390 OR 234 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337 as soon as possible.

Important details for grant applicants:

- 1. The homeowner will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of materials and labor paid to a contractor for the repair, or total replacement of an existing sidewalk or the installation of a new sidewalk up to a maximum of \$1,500 for a four-foot-wide sidewalk or a maximum of \$3,000 for a five-foot-wide sidewalk (required width for curb-side sidewalks and Safe Routes to School sidewalks). All receipts must be submitted to receive reimbursement.**
- 2. The homeowner will be reimbursed an additional 50% for curb cuts installed on corner lots up to a maximum of \$500 per curb cut.**
- 3. Applications will be accepted from February 18, 2026, through May 22, 2026. No applications will be accepted after May 22, 2026.**
- 4. Applications will be reviewed and successful applicants will be notified during the week of June 1, 2026.**
- 5. Funds will be dispersed after the completion of the project, once we have received all receipts. Projects must be completed by September 1, 2026.**
- 6. Applications will be scored based on criteria, including but not limited to:**
 - *Located within a designated School Zone**
 - *Located on a designated Safe Routes to School**
 - *Proximity to Schools**
 - *Connectivity to existing sidewalks**

Application for the City of Chadron
Sidewalk Construction, Renewal and Replacement Grant

Name: _____

Date: _____ Physical Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Contractor: _____

Please check which of the following applies to your project:

_____ I am improving an existing full or partial 4' sidewalk.
(Please circle the applicable option)

_____ I am improving an existing full or partial 5' sidewalk.
(Please circle the applicable option)

_____ I am installing a new sidewalk where one does not currently exist.

_____ My application includes _____ curb cuts.

Construction costs: _____

Briefly explain why you feel your sidewalk improvement project should be funded rather than another project:

Homeowner Signature: _____ Date Received: _____

**ATTACH AN ESTIMATE FROM THE CONTRACTOR DOING THE WORK!
The application is not complete without an estimate.**

