

2023 Merriam Residential Driveway Grant Program

Goal: Assist income eligible Households with bringing the driveway into code compliance or eliminating their gravel driveway

Program:

- Repair or replace driveways of Low Income Households at no cost
- Total annual program amount - \$90,000
- Approved applications will be allocated funding until all program funds are expended

Eligibility:

- Household income must be at or below Low Income (80% of area median income) as established by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Johnson County
- Income eligibility will be based on the Household's (all persons living at the residence) 2021 income
- Household's must provide their 2021 Federal Tax return as proof of income. For household members that are not required to file a Federal Income Tax return, proof of social security, veteran, or other benefit payments will be accepted.
- Must be the owner occupant of the residence
- The property must have a driveway that is in need of repair or replacement.
- After receiving the application and determining income eligibility, city staff will inspect and determine if the driveway qualifies for the program and the extent of the driveway repair/replacement.
- Gravel driveways are eligible
 - All gravel will be removed when the driveway is replaced
 - All vehicle parking will occur on a hard surface after the driveway is installed.
- The city will determine the layout and design of the driveway
- All improvements will conform to Merriam Codes
- Property owner must be current on all property taxes in Merriam
- Program property must be code complaint with the exception of the driveway
- All other properties owned by the applicant in Merriam must be code complaint
- Property owner must provide proof of adequate property insurance

Process:

- Community Development manages the program
- **Program applications will be accepted between October 3, 2022 to December 30, 2022**
- Property owner submits an application to Community Development
- Applications are reviewed in the order they are received
- The city will put participating driveways out to bid in one package
- The property owner must approve the driveway design prior to it going out for bid
- The city will engage and manage the driveway contractor
- The city will attempt to give the property owner reasonable notice of when the work will begin
- Before and after photos of the project will be taken by city staff

Applications can be submitted at City Hall, emailed, or mailed to:

City of Merriam
Attn: David Easley
9001 W 62nd Street
Merriam, KS 66202

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The city at any time, without prior notice, and at its sole discretion, may modify or eliminate this program.