

City of Dunedin Commercial Building Grant Program Guidelines

FAÇADE PROGRAM

The City of Dunedin's Community Redevelopment Agency designed this program as a mechanism to stimulate and leverage private investment and as a way to enhance the appearance and condition of **commercial buildings** in our City. Improving the appearance of building facades supports local businesses and can have a significant impact on the attractiveness and marketability of the surrounding area.

Eligible Buildings

All City-wide viable buildings with an existing or proposed **commercial occupation** are eligible.

Eligible Activities

Facade funds can be used for exterior facade improvements and ADA exterior accessibility requirements.

Possible eligible activities include:

- Awnings
- Painting
- Shutters
- Signage
- Stucco
- Brick pavers (front)
- Decorative dumpster enclosures
- Window boxes.

Façade improvements that include murals and/or decorative applications will be reviewed by the City of Dunedin's Art and Culture Advisory Board in compliance with the City's Redevelopment Agency's established design standards. Adult businesses are not eligible.

Eligible Applicant

A person or corporation having ownership or leasehold rights in an eligible building site. Leasehold applicants are required to obtain approval from the owner.

Program Requirements

1. The property must not have any outstanding liens or Code Enforcement violations.
2. The Pinellas County Property Appraisers Office must show that property taxes are paid up-to-date.
3. All work must meet applicable City of Dunedin Code and be performed by a Licensed Contractor.
4. All applicable permits must be obtained.
5. **Work needs to commence within 3 months of City Grant approval.**

Program Funding

Funds are available on a *first-come, first-serve basis* to program participants. Eligible applicants may receive a reimbursement grant equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of building improvements up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) with a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Those buildings *abutting two public rights-of-way* and/or located on a corner *having two sides facing a right-of-way* are considered to have two facades, and may qualify for up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) in matching funds. There is a limit of three (3) matching façade grants per owner within a single retail center. Applicant’s matching dollars may consist of costs they incur improving the exterior of the site, i.e., landscaping, even if it is not related to the façade, but must be contracted for and completed simultaneously with the façade.

ADA Accessibility Improvements

Applicants may be eligible for up to an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in grant funds with *no match required* for exterior work needed for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements. This work must be done in conjunction with and during the time of the façade improvements.

Payments

The City of Dunedin’s Community Redevelopment Agency will provide funds for these programs on a reimbursement basis after receipt of all supporting documentation, including proof of payment (copy of cancelled checks, etc.) for all improvements. Reimbursement is issued after the successful completion of a qualified project. **Projects must be approved prior to beginning construction to participate in the program.**

Application packages must include documentation that illustrates the visual impact of the project and its cost.

The applications must include the following attachments:

1. Complete application form
2. Digital photographs of existing conditions of project site
3. Plans or simple sketch of improvement project
4. Two competitive bids for each type of work proposed

PLEASE NOTE:
Failure to provide required information will delay the review and/or approval process.

SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATIONS TO:
Community Redevelopment Agency
Attn: Trevor Davis
P.O. Box 1348, Dunedin, FL 34698
For more program information please contact:
Trevor Davis at (727) 298-3201

Applicant Initials: _____