

## DESIGN REVIEW ASSISTANCE

The City of Dunedin's CRA/Economic Development Department, together with the Planning & Development Department, has designed this program as an incentive to help stimulate development and redevelopment in our City.

### 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 preparing conceptual site plans and renderings up to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) with a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Use of the property for the following: Life Sciences, Information Technology, Alternative Energy, Business and Financial Services are eligible for up to \$5,000.00

### Eligible Structures

All City-wide properties are eligible for this program.

### Eligible Activities

Facade funds can be used for the proposed costs to prepare a conceptual site plan and/or architectural renderings from a profession consultant (Architect, Engineer).

### Other Program Requirements

All applications must be reviewed and approved by the following:

- Planning & Development Director
- CRA/Economic Development Director

## ALL PROGRAMS

### Eligible Applicant

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

### Payments

The City of Dunedin's CRA/Economic Development Department 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 or demolition work. Reimbursement is issued after the successful completion of a qualified project. **Projects must be approved prior to beginning construction to participate in the program.**

### Other 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:  
Prior approval by the CRA/Economic  
Development Department is required.**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:  
Economic Development/CRA Department,  
P.O. Box 1348, Dunedin FL. 34698**

**For more information contact (727) 298-3201  
or Trevor Davis at [TDavis@dunedinfl.net](mailto:TDavis@dunedinfl.net)**

# City of Dunedin

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM

- Façade Improvements
- Demolition
- Underground Utilities
- Design Review Assistance

## FAÇADE PROGRAM

The City of Dunedin's Economic Development/CRA Department 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.

### **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.

### **Eligible Buildings**

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

### **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, and window boxes. Façade improvements that include murals and/or artistic 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.

## DEMOLITION PROGRAM

The City of Dunedin's CRA Department designed this program to assist in the removal of substandard structures and other blighting influences in the downtown (CRA) district.

### **Program Funding**

Funds are available on a *first-come, first-serve basis* to program participants. Eligible applicants may receive a reimbursement grant up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the cost of demolition and clearance of a site. The minimum demolition grant is five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

### **Eligible Sites**

Any residential or commercial site within the downtown (CRA) district where there is substandard or deteriorated structure or part

thereof. The structure must be functionally obsolete or economically unfeasible to repair. The City's Planning & Development Department may make this determination. Residential structures must have been abandoned or vacant for at least a year before they can be demolished under this program.

### **Other Program Requirements**

All projects are subject to an environmental review and historical assessment (if applicable). Federal procurement and labor standards may apply.

## UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PROGRAM

The City of Dunedin through the Community Redevelopment Agency developed this undergrounding utilities program for owners of buildings and properties located in the downtown (CRA) district. This program has been designed to work with property owners to bury such overhead utilities as electric, cable, telephone and internet.

### **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 undergrounding utilities up to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a minimum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). This work must be contracted for and completed simultaneously with property enhancements.