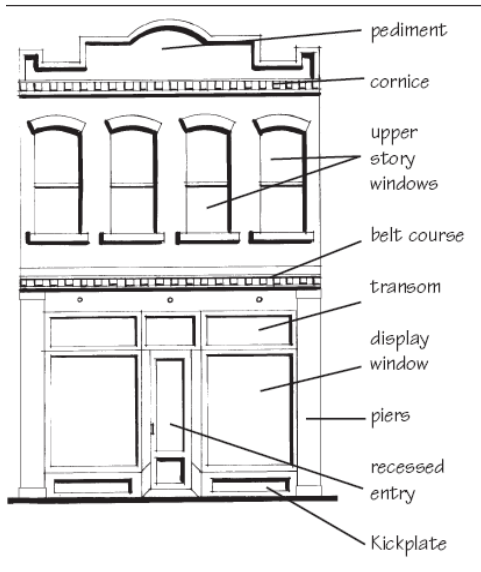




Improve the appearance of your building with help from fellow business owners and the City of Safford



Safford Downtown Association



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Downtown Facade Grant Program



Matching Grants of up to \$6,000

Design ideas and direction assistance available

Eligible Area

The facade grant program is part of a comprehensive approach to improving Downtown Safford. SDA members that are property owners and merchants operating within Downtown Safford between Hwy 191 to 8th Avenue and Hwy 70 and 8th Street are eligible for the grant program



Program Goals

The purpose of the facade improvement program is to work in partnership with private property and business owners to:

- Revitalize and beautify Downtown Safford
- Increase foot traffic and shopping in Downtown
- Increase property values and sales tax revenue.

Eligible Projects

Eligible Projects include:

- Full facade renovations including landscaping
- Sidewalk cafes and shade structures
- Awnings
- Signs



Financial Assistance

Paid after project completion

- \$6,000 +/- per year is eligible in the form of as many as 12 \$500 grants. Fewer grants of larger amounts are also an option of the review committee. Grant cycle begins each January 1st each year and funds remain available until funds are awarded throughout the year
- 50% or more of the cost of the entire project must be contributed by the merchant or property owner.
- Generally, building owners and merchants are eligible for 1 grant per storefront in a 1 year period

How it works

Step One: Apply for the Grant

1. Contact the Safford Main Street program manager at 928-432-4140 or stop by the City of Safford Community Development office and pick up an application.
2. Return the application to the Safford Main Street Program Manager.
3. If the project is eligible, the Main Street program manager meets on site with applicant.

Step Two: Application Review

Application is reviewed for approval, approved with conditions, or denied by Safford Main Street manager and Safford Downtown Association Design Committee.

1. If approved, Safford Main Street manager assists applicant with design guidelines if available and in obtaining city approval as needed.
2. Applicant obtains city building permits if needed. City building permit costs are waived as part of this program.

Step Three: Construction

1. Construction is begun and completed
2. Downtown manager and applicant inspect for project completion.

Step Four: Getting a Rebate

1. Applicant files with Downtown Manager all documentation regarding costs of completion of project.
2. A 30 day waiting period begins, after which a rebate check is authorized and sent to applicant

