

DOWNTOWN FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

OVERVIEW

The Downtown Façade Grant Program is intended to provide financial assistance for improvements that create a more viable downtown area by improving building beautification and uniformity, property value, and sales tax revenues. The improvements through the Downtown Façade Grant Program provide a more vibrant downtown area that benefits and attracts businesses and the general public.

FUNDING

Funding for the Downtown Façade Grant Program is provided by the City of Safford and the Safford Downtown Association. A total of \$6,000 is allocated per year. A matching requirement of 50% or more of the cost of the entire project must be contributed by the business or property owner. The funding cycle begins July 1 and ends June 30 of each year. Funding is available until the total amount of allocated funds are expended. Property owners and businesses are eligible for 1 grant per store front per year.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects include:

- Full façade renovations including landscaping
- Sidewalk cafes and shade
- Awnings
- Signs

To be eligible for a Façade Grant, a business or property owner must be a member of the Safford Downtown Association for one prior year or is a new business that has existed for less than a year. All grant requests must be presented to the Safford Downtown Association Board for approval. Exceptions to the rules and policies of the Façade Grant Program may be considered by the Safford Downtown Association Board.

REVIEW BOARD

Proposals for façade improvements will be received by the City of Safford Planning & Community Development Department. Proposals received will be reviewed by the Safford Downtown Manager and the Safford Downtown Association Board. Façade Grants must also meet City of Safford Building Department code requirements.

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DOWNTOWN FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

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| Business Name: | | | |
| Business Owner Name: | | | |
| Site Address: | | Parcel No.: | |
| Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax No: | | | |
| Contact Name: | | | |
| Contact Title: | | | |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City/State/Zip: | | | |
| Email: | | | |
| Phone: | | | |

PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT

| Grant Request (____%) | Match (____%) | Total Project Cost (100%) |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| \$ | \$ | \$ |

PROJECT SUMMARY

Summarize in detail the proposed grant project.

Proposed Scope of Work:



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Desired Outcomes:

Detailed Timeline for Project:

Participating Entities:

Please describe other entities that will be collaborating on this project.

| Entity | Contribution <i>(Financial or Other)</i> |
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Additional Information:

Please describe any information that you think might be pertinent including list of subcontractors.

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- Completed grant application
- One (1) original and seven (7) copies of the completed proposal

PROCESS

Step One: Apply for the Grant – Applications are accepted anytime

- Contact the Safford Downtown Manager at 928-432-4140 or stop by the City of Safford Community Development office and pick up an application.
- Return the application and 9 copies of the completed proposal to the Safford Downtown Manager.
- If the project is eligible, the Downtown Manager meets on site with the applicant to discuss project proposal.

Step Two: Application is Reviewed

- Application is reviewed at the Safford Downtown Association’s monthly meeting.
- If approved, applicant obtains City permits if needed. City of Safford Building Permit fees are waived for approved Façade Grant applicants.

Step Three: Construction

- Construction begins and is completed.
- Safford Downtown Manager and applicant inspect for project completion.

Step Four: Getting a Rebate

- Applicant files with Downtown Manager all documentation regarding costs of completion of project on or before June 30 of the fiscal year grant was applied for.
- A check is authorized and sent to applicant.

APPLICATION APPROVAL

To be completed by Downtown Manger upon approval of grant funds being granted.

The application is hereby approved.

This contract shall henceforth be referred to as Contract No._____. The applicant has been cautioned not to commence any billable work or to provide any material or service under this contract until the project has obtained all required permits.

A total of \$_____ has been awarded this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Downtown Manager Signature