

**Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority
Façade Improvement Grant Program Application**

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General Conditions

It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant shall be solely responsible for all safety conditions and compliance with all safety regulations, building codes, ordinances and other applicable regulations.

It is expressly understood and agreed that work completed prior to final approval of this grant application is ineligible for funding and will not be funded.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant or owner will not seek to hold the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority liable for any property damage, personal injury, or other loss relating in any way to work done in connection with the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

The applicant agrees to maintain the property and improvements.

The applicant authorizes the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority to promote an approved project, including but not limited to displaying a sign at the site, during and after construction, and using photographs and descriptions of the project in Estes Park Urban Renewal authority promotional materials and press releases.

The applicant understands the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority reserves the right to make changes to the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

If applicant is not the property owner, the property owner or an authorized representative shall review and co-sign the application below:

As owner of the property at _____, I have reviewed the above application and authorize the tenant, _____, at said address to perform the façade improvements described above as part of the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority Façade Improvement grant Program.

Signature of Property Owner
Or Authorized Representative: _____ Date: _____

Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority Façade Improvement Grant Program

The Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority (EPURA) Façade Improvement Grant Program provides a financial incentive for improving the facades of buildings within the Urban Renewal Area (URA) of Estes Park. The URA includes the downtown area of Estes Park, as well as some outlying businesses on Rt. 7. The goal is to improve the appearance of individual buildings, as well as the overall look of business areas.

Grants are available for up to \$900.00 of the total cost of an improvement project and must be matched by the applicant. Grants are for exterior improvements only and may be applied to a front, side, or rear façade, provided said façade faces a public street, public pedestrian way, or public parking area. Grants are awarded based on the availability of funds. This is a pilot project of the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority, based on a total allocation of \$90,000.00. This program is not retroactive. Façade improvements made prior to approval of an application will not be funded by this program.

Matching Requirement

The grant program requires the applicant to match at least 50% of the total project cost. Matching funds may be cash or in-kind contributions. In-kind matches may include services, materials and/or equipment documented in a letter from the donor and submitted with the grant application.

Eligible applicants

Commercial and non-profit property owners or tenants within the URA may apply for matching grants. Tenants are required to have written approval from property owners to participate in the program.

Application Process

Applications will be submitted to the Director of the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority in the Administration area of Town Hall, 170 MacGregor Ave., P.O. Box 1200, Estes Park, CO 80517. When an application clearly meeting the criteria is submitted and includes all of the required information as determined by the EPURA Director, the application will be approved. Applications requiring Board interpretation for approval will be presented to the EPURA Board for consideration at its next regular meeting.

Project Time Period

Applicant must submit a detailed project schedule with the grant application.

Eligible Activities

Eligible projects are confined to improvements made to the exterior of any building or shop in the URA. Roofing is not eligible. Storefronts on the interior of multi-tenant malls are considered exteriors for the purposes of this program. Eligible improvements include:

Exterior painting (Colors appropriate to Estes Park)

Restoring or improving exterior finishes, including masonry and wood

Exterior door repair or replacement

Window repair or replacement

New or repaired signage

New or repaired gutters and downspouts

New or improved outdoor seating

Repair of exterior cracks

New or repaired external lighting

New or repaired flower boxes or pots

Awnings

Landscape materials, where applicable

If any proposed improvement is deemed inappropriate (loud or garish colors, inconsistent with public safety, offensive or in bad taste) EPURA reserves the right to disapprove any such application.

Additional Requirements

While not a historic preservation program per se, the administration of this program will be in cognizance of historic values and applicants will be expected to propose projects consistent with the historical integrity of the buildings occupied by the applicants.

Disbursement of Grant Funds

Disbursement of grant funds will be made upon completion of the project and submission of all receipts to the EPURA Director and approval thereof.
