



Facade and Streetscape Grant Program

Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Intent and Benefits Summary

The intent of the grant program is to upgrade the appearance, property values and economic activity on selected commercial corridors within the County’s CRA areas. An eligible property must be located within a county designated redevelopment area along one of the following commercial corridors:

Barrancas Redevelopment Area

Barrancas Avenue
Bayou Chico – Waterfront
Old Barrancas Avenue
Old Corry Field Road
Weis Lane

Brownsville Redevelopment Area

Border Street
Fairfield Drive
Jackson Street
Mobile Highway
New Warrington Road
Pace Boulevard
“T” Street
“W” Street

Englewood Redevelopment Area

Border Street
“E” Street
Fairfield Drive
Leonard Street
Pace Boulevard
“T” Street
“W” Street

Palafox Redevelopment Area

Beverly Parkway
Fairfield Drive
Herman Street
Massachusetts Avenue
Michigan Street
Pace Boulevard
Palafox (Highway 29)
Texar Drive

Warrington Redevelopment Area

Barrancas Avenue
Gulf Beach Highway
Navy Boulevard
New Warrington Road
Old Corry Field Road
West Navy Boulevard

The program will provide up to a \$10,000 grant to be matched dollar for dollar by the property owner.

Program Eligibility

Facade and Streetscape grant funding of property improvements shall apply to the following:

- ❑ **Location:** Commercial, or mixed use properties fronting on selected corridors located within designated redevelopment areas.
- ❑ **Ownership:** Property owners must sign the Facade Grant Program application and other related documents. Tenants may apply if a property owner is willing to sign.
- ❑ **Multiple Properties:** Multiple property owners may submit only one application at a time. Subsequent applications will be accepted after completion of the current project.
- ❑ **Applications:** Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- ❑ **Design Review:** All exterior improvements must be approved by CRA staff for appropriateness and (if applicable) by the Building Inspections Department for code and permit compliance.
- ❑ **Occupancy:** Once the project has been completed, the property must be eligible to obtain or already have a certificate of occupancy.



Eligible Improvements

Improvements must be on the exterior of the building facing the commercial corridor. Typical items include:

- Awnings
- Doors
- Exterior lighting
- Painting
- Shutters
- Windows
- Building cleaning (except sandblasting and similarly harsh processes)
- Fencing for screening storage or parking areas (facing the street)
- Landscaping and streetscaping (including irrigation)
- Paving of parking areas (facing the street)
- Restoring architectural features

Ineligible Improvements

The following list includes a sample of **ineligible** improvement items:

- Interior modifications and/or rehabilitation
- Permitting fees
- Refinancing existing debt
- Non-fixed improvements (such as inventory and equipment)
- Owner performed labor (unless the owner is a duly licensed contractor)
- Improvements constructed prior to execution of the Facade Grant Program funding agreement

Facade and Streetscape Grant Program Requirements

Owner Match:

- 50 Percent: Facade Grant Program funding may not exceed 50% of the total cost of the improvements to each property or \$10,000; whichever is less. The property owner must expend one dollar on the project for every CRA dollar committed to the project.
(Example: \$20,000 total project cost = \$10,000 property owner contribution + \$10,000 CRA grant)

Lien Requirement:

- Facade and Streetscape Grant Program funds shall be secured by a lien against the applicant's property. The lien shall be forgiven after one year from the date of project completion. CRA will execute the necessary documents to acknowledge satisfaction of the lien provided the following criteria are met.
 - Funded Improvements are not:
 - Altered
 - Modified
 - Removed
 - Demolished
 - The property is not sold
 - The property is not transferred
 - Converted to 100% non-commercial use
- If any of the above-referred activities should occur within the lien period and without receiving prior CRA approval, the total grant funds will then become due and payable.

Facade and Streetscape Grant Program Applications

may be obtained at the CRA office located at
1190 W. Leonard Street • Pensacola, Florida 32501
(850) 595-3217