

City of Antioch's Façade Improvement Program invests in the beautification of commercial corridors citywide

Antioch, Calif, (December 1, 2021) – The City of Antioch has created a Façade Improvement Program (FIP). The program will provide building and business owners with an opportunity to improve their building's storefront with a financial incentive. The program was created to encourage private investment and to beautify business curb appeal in commercial areas. The FIP program is reimbursable after receipts and project is completed. The FIP allows for improvements to signage, awnings, paint, and other storefront enhancements. Businesses will be able to apply for the program starting December 1st thru the Economic Development Department. Guidelines and applications are available now online and on the first floor at Antioch City Hall, 200 H Street Downtown.

The FIP offers two funding options: Opportunity 1 offers up to 100% of the first \$2,500 of eligible project costs, with a maximum grant amount of \$5,000. This program is for commercial buildings within the Downtown Area & standalone buildings in other areas of the City. In addition to the abovementioned grant, the City will reimburse applicants up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for architect services used for the FIP improvement design.

Opportunity 2 is designed for the City's Commercial Shopping Centers. This grant programing covers a reimbursable grant of two-thirds (67%) of eligible project costs, up to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The cost of the improvement work must be more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

We are excited to provide a program focusing on investing in our local businesses and existing commercial buildings. This is great opportunity for public private partnerships throughout all of Antioch's commercial areas. – **Kwame Reed, City of Antioch Economic Development Director**

Completed applications shall be submitted to the Economic Development Department. Improvements must comply with all City building codes, permitting, and sign standards. Projects must be completed within 6 months of grant approval.

For further information check out our website **HERE**

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