

# Façade Improvement Program

A Collaborative Grant Program between Auburn Main Street and the City of Auburn

## Overview

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In conjunction with the City's Building, Planning and Development Department, Auburn Main Street (AMS) is offering a façade grant program to downtown business and/or building owners. The "Facade Improvement Program" is a fifty percent (50%) matching grant, with a maximum grant amount of \$2,500.

The Program focuses on the improvement of existing buildings. Eligible expenses include exterior building improvements, exterior lighting, new and/or renovated signs and awnings, façade windows and doors, and similar projects. In addition to code and ordinance compliance, any facade improvement project shall be required to comply with specific design guidelines intended to retain and/or enhance the character and historical value of the Downtown Business District

Buildings eligible for the Façade Improvement Grant shall be at least 50 years old and used for commercial purposes. Priority will be given to buildings within the downtown or that have a strong connection to the history of Auburn.



## Ineligible Activities and Businesses

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The following activities are NOT eligible for grant funding:

1. Newly constructed buildings
2. Interior renovations
3. Roof repair and/or replacement
4. Decorative fencing and landscaping
5. Permit fees
6. Projects already under construction or completed projects

The following businesses are NOT eligible for grant funding:

1. Tobacco discount stores
2. Pawn Shops
3. Check cashing stores
4. Gun stores
5. Tattoo and/or body piercing shops

## Step 1: Pre-application Meeting

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A pre-application meeting is the first step in the Façade Improvement Grant application process. To request a pre-application meeting, please contact:

AMS Design Review Committee Chair, Eldon Byler (260)553-0288 or [eldonb@3riversbarricade.com](mailto:eldonb@3riversbarricade.com) or  
City of Auburn Planning Director, Amy Schweitzer at 925-6449 or [amschweitzer@ci.auburn.in.us](mailto:amschweitzer@ci.auburn.in.us)