

FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Application

Application packet for the City of Palm Springs Facade
Improvement Program

Community & Economic Development Department
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The City of Palm Springs has established a Facade Improvement Program designed to assist businesses with creating attractive and inviting storefronts and signage and encourages improvement and investment in commercial properties within the City of Palm Springs.

The Facade Improvement Program features a match grant up to **\$5,000** to assist in the cost of exterior improvements made by a property owner or tenant.

Eligible uses for the grant funds:

- Exterior Signs (installation of new or repair or replacement of legally installed and mounted signs; including neon or halo lit signs);
- Awnings, canopies, or sunshades (installation of new or repair or replacement of fixed metal or fabric awnings), which could include perpendicular wall-mounted castle banners (without signage);
- Painting or exterior surface treatment (stucco, tile, stone, or brick replacement or repair);
- Asphalt paving, replacement or repair of tiles or decorative pavers (not in the public right-of-way); sidewalk or courtyard repaving (not in the public right-of-way);
- Repair or replacement of masonry walls or footings;
- Outdoor lighting (installation of new exterior lighting fixtures; repair or replacement of existing exterior lighting fixtures);
- Installation, repair or replacement of decorative or security fencing;
- Replacement of plate glass windows; re-glazing of windows or change of window mullions with the approval of architectural application by the City;
- Installation or replacement of outdoor landscaping and fountains.
- Façade must be visible from the public right of way.

Uses Not Eligible:

Funds may not be used for improvements that are not permanent or mounted or affixed to the building or the sidewalk. Ineligible uses include but are not limited to:

- Vinyl letter signage (windows);
- Portable signs, such as sandwich board or A-frame signs; signs not mounted or attached to storefronts;
- Flags or banners;
- Benches and trash receptacles;
- Tables, chairs, or umbrellas.
- Hotels participating in the Hotel Operations Incentive Program

Prevailing Wage:

To the extent applicable to the project, all contractors and agents hired by the Owner / Tenant shall comply with California Labor code Section 1720 et seq. ("Prevailing Wage Laws") and shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of the law. Owners / Tenants participating in the Façade Program are solely responsible for determining whether Prevailing Wage Laws apply to the project. New construction projects with contracts \$25,000 or less or renovation projections with contracts \$15,000 or less are excluded.

Eligible Applicants:

Property owners or tenants located in leased or owned commercial properties throughout the City of Palm Springs.

A business owner (tenant) that is not the property owner must show evidence of the right to alter the property, or consent from the property owner.

Grant Amounts:

The maximum amount of the Facade Improvement grant is \$5,000.00, on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis. In order to qualify for the full \$5,000.00 amount, the total verified project cost must be in excess of \$10,000.00.

Businesses located on the east side of north Palm Canyon Drive between Tahquitz Canyon Way and Amado Road qualify for a non-dollar match grant up to \$5,000.00. Please refer to Program Administrator to register for this provision.

Process:

Applications are available in the Department of Community & Economic Development and on the City's website. The application will ask for a narrative description of the project scope. The applicant will hire the contractor and is responsible for obtaining design approvals.

Businesses located in the "non-match" downtown construction zone are required to submit at least two (2) bids or quotes for the work proposed.

The City will reimburse the applicant for work performed, based on submittal of acceptable evidence of the work performed, including copies of paid invoices, credit card receipts with statements identifying the work performed, and copies of cancelled checks (front/back), or such other evidence as required by the City. The business must be open to the public, and free of building code violations or tax liens.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applicants must provide:

- Application (Completed and Signed by Applicant)
- If incorporated, evidence that applicant has authorization to apply for program
- Verification of Property Ownership, if owner (Title or Deed of Trust)
- Evidence of Tenant's Right to Make Improvements, if tenant or lessee (Signed)
- Description of Scope of Work
- Estimate or Bid, if available
- Copy of Valid Palm Springs Business License (Applicant)
- Copy of Valid Palm Springs Business License (Contractor hired to perform work)

No assistance may be provided for any contract awarded before the application is approved.

Once the application is approved by the City, the applicant must provide the following:

- If applicable, evidence of required permit approvals from the City of Palm Springs Building and Safety, Planning and/or Engineering Departments.

I hereby declare that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the City of Palm Springs to verify the information to determine my eligibility and to conduct an inspection of my property. I understand that as the applicant I will hire the contractor and am responsible for obtaining design approvals. I understand that the program provides that the City will reimburse the applicant for work performed, based on submittal of evidence of work performed and paid, and that the City will not pay contractors or vendors directly.

Applicant Signature

Date

Mail or deliver completed application with copies of required documents to:

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