



FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Overview:

Kent Downtown Partnership (KDP) is offering grants to assist business and property owners improve their building façades within the Historic Downtown Kent District bounded by Smith Street to the north, Titus Street to the south, 4th Avenue to the West and Central Avenue to the East (collectively, the “District”).

The KDP thanks [WAFd Bank](#) for its generous contribution to the program.

The total KDP budget for this program in 2026 is \$20,000.

Grants may be awarded in any amount within the budget, including possibly one grant award for up to \$20,000 for the year’s program.

- Applicants are limited to owners of buildings and businesses located within the District.
- Applicants may apply for multiple buildings or businesses within the District.

Projects to enhance the appearance of an existing façade eligible for consideration under this grant program include, but are not limited to, painting, signage, lighting, awnings, artistic installations, landscaping, and other elements that improve “curb appeal” of the building.

The grant does not cover ongoing or routine maintenance such as fixing leaks, replacing broken windows/doors, graffiti cleanup, or general upkeep. Structural changes or repairs, unless directly related to enhancing the building’s appearance, will not be covered unless they also address the aesthetic or historical integrity of the building.

Final decisions on all applications and grant decisions are subject to the sole discretion of KDP.

Considerations may include impact on the District, consistency with other facades, and project readiness.

All work must comply with applicable laws, including city regulations, and receive necessary permits and approvals. *Prior to submitting an application, applicants should discuss their project with KDP for compliance with this program, and with city officials to determine necessary permits and approvals.*

Grants will be paid to successful applicants by KDP upon KDP’s verification of:

- Invoices for labor and materials paid by the applicant for the project; and
- Photos of the work completed to that date

Deadlines:

Mar 1, 2026	Application must be received by KDP.
Mar 31, 2026	KDP will announce grant award(s) approved for 2026.
May 31, 2026	Grant awardee(s) must provide KDP initial progress report including (if applicable) status updates from contractors, installation/materials, permits, and other applicable project information.
Nov 30, 2026	Project must be complete to receive reimbursement.

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****Work must not begin before grant approval and applicable permits are obtained.****

Resources:

- **Questions about the program?** Contact the KDP Executive Director at ghaas@kentdowntown.org or 253-813-6976.
- **Permits may be required**, depending on your project. Please refer to the City of Kent Community Planning and Development Dept for questions regarding your project. They can be reached via email at Planning@kentWA.gov or phone at 253-856-5454.

Applicant Information:

Business Name: *

Contact Name *

First Name Last Name

Address *

Street City State Zip

Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Email *

example@example.com

Are you the property owner? *

Yes

No

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Property Owner Information:

Name *

First Name Last Name

Phone Number *

Please enter a valid phone number.

Email *

example@example.com

Project Details

Project Address *

Street City State Zip

Total Estimated Cost: \$ *

Grant Request Amount: \$ *

Expected Start Date *

Month Day Year

Expected Completion Date *

Month Day Year

Description of Improvements (attach a separate sheet if necessary) *

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Required Attachments:

- Signed property owner consent (if applicable).
- Architectural renderings or project visuals.
- "Before" photos of the project site.
- Paint/material samples, or design elements.
- Contractor estimates or invoices.
- Proof of government approval (if applicable)

AGREEMENT & SIGNATURES

By signing below, the applicant agrees to comply with all program requirements in these pages of Façade Improvement Grant documents and acknowledges that grant funds awarded are only to be paid as reimbursement pursuant to these Grant documents.

Signature

Date *

Month Day Year

NOTE: Property Owner Signature page follows. If it is not required, click Submit at the end of that page.



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PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT

My signature below indicates approval of this grant application.

Applicant Name:

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Signature

Date: