FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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 4Culture for its generous contribution to the program.
The total budget from KDP for this program in 2027 is $10,000.

Grants may be awarded in any amount within the budget, including possibly one grant award for up to $10,000 for the 2027 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 in the District 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, (e.g., structural 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 in the District, and project readiness and consistency with the application.

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:

March 1, 2027	Application must be received by KDP from the applicant.
March 31, 2027	KDP will announce grant award(s) approved for 2027.
May 31, 2027	Grant winners must provide KDP with initial progress report, to include status updates for the project from contractors and for materials, permits, etc.
November 30, 2027	Project must be completed.

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

- If you have questions about the grant program and/or criteria, please contact the KDP Executive Director at ghaas@kentdowntown.org or 253-813-6976.

- Depending on your project, permits may be required. 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.

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Brought to you by the Kent Downtown Partnership 2027

Applicant Information:

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you the property owner? Yes / No (If no, property owner signature is also required.)

Property Owner Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Project Details:

Project Address: _____

Total Estimated Cost: $_____

Grant Request Amount: $_____

Expected Start Date: _____

Expected Completion Date: _____

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 four pages of Façade Improvement Grant documents and acknowledges that grant funds awarded are only to be paid as reimbursement pursuant to these Grant documents.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner Signature (if different from applicant):

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Date: _____