

## **BACKGROUND**

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The preservation of existing buildings in Downtown Tooele is among the priorities of the downtown renewal plan. Many of these historic buildings have maintenance needs that have caused their appearance to decline.

The Tooele Downtown Development Alliance (TDDA) committee has created this facade improvement program as part of the Tooele Downtown renewal effort in hopes that buildings in downtown will once again return to their vibrant state.

The TDDA Design Committee will administer the grant program.

## **PURPOSE**

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The Facade Improvement Grant Program was specifically designed to assist in facade improvements in downtown Tooele. This program seeks to preserve and protect the unique local resources found in this part of Tooele, while also promoting more private investment in the area.

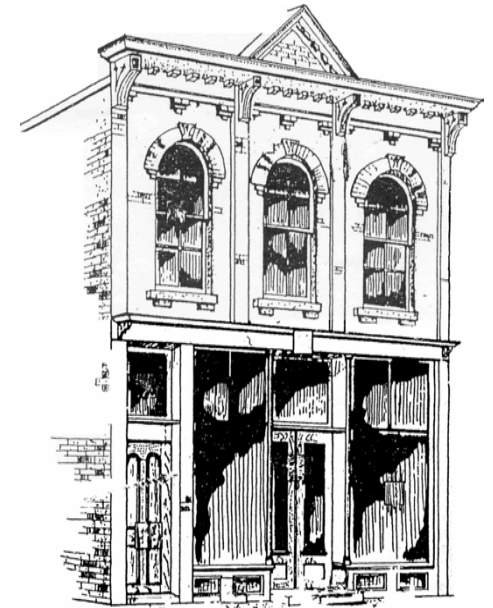
Tooele City seeks to address the maintenance needs of qualified businesses by offering 50/50 matching grants.

The Mayor and City Council believe this program is in the public interest and the City has a responsibility to preserve local historic (and non-historic) structures.

**TOOELE DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE**

## **FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

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Tooele City Hall  
90 North Main  
Tooele, UT 84074

For an application please contact  
Tooele City RDA/Economic Development  
Office at  
843-2103

## **THE SPECIFICS**

1. Grants may be awarded for up to 50% of the total cost of a qualified facade, with a maximum grant award of \$10,000.
2. The applicant must match the grant with cash. “Sweat equity” labor provided by the applicant, the owner, or any other non-skilled laborer cannot be charged against this grant.
3. No building may receive more than one grant per fiscal year, and no applicant may receive more than three grants per year.
4. Grants will be awarded on a reimbursement basis only after the applicant demonstrates full compliance with the grant award conditions.

## **ELIGIBLE REPAIRS**

- All exterior walls of buildings, with priority given to street-facing facades.
- Exterior renovations, restorations, or reconstruction including but not limited to the following:
  - Facade washing/Brick cleaning
  - Removal of historically inappropriate materials from facade
  - Sign repairs or new signs

- Lighting
  - Awnings/Canopies
  - Window restoration/replacement
  - Painting
  - Door replacement
  - Restoration of original architectural features
  - Window display area remodeling
  - Exterior lighting
  - Parapet repair
- Architectural design fees up to \$1,000, as long as the project is completed.
  - Landscaping immediately adjacent to the building
  - Exterior improvements must comply with City ordinances.

## **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS**

Eligibility is given to owners and tenants (with permission from building owner) of commercial or mixed commercial-residential property located in the Downtown overlay area. These tenants must have at least a two-year lease at the location to qualify.

Only structurally sound buildings with safely functioning mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems will be considered for this grant. In addition, building owners must show evidence of insurance on the property and name.

## **THE APPROVAL PROCESS**

1. The applicant must submit a Facade Improvement Grant application to the RDA/Economic Development Office with a nonrefundable processing fee of \$50.00
2. City Staff will review the application with the applicant and will then forward the application with a written recommendation to the TDDA Design Committee.
3. City Staff will inspect the site to verify that the building is structurally sound and safe.
4. The TDDA Design Committee will review the application at its regularly scheduled meeting. The committee will not approve any application until they see at least two bids from qualified contractors.
5. Upon approval and after work is finished, the applicant must provide proof that a final inspection from the Building department has been completed.

Submit completed applications to:

Tooele City  
RDA/Economic Development  
90 N. Main Street  
Tooele, UT 84074