

## Application Information for Façade Grant



### Eligible Structures

All with an existing or proposed commercial occupation within the town lines of Kenneth City are eligible.

### Eligible Activities

Façade funds can be used for exterior facade improvements and ADA exterior accessibility requirements.

Possible eligible activities include:

- Awnings
- Painting
- Shutters
- Signage
- Stucco
- Brick pavers (front)
- Decorative dumpster enclosures
- Window boxes
- Economic development

Façade improvements that include murals and/or decorative applications will be reviewed by the Town of Kenneth City in compliance with the City's design standards. Adult businesses are not eligible.

### Eligible Applicant

A person or corporation having ownership or leasehold rights in an eligible building site. Leasehold applicants are required to obtain approval from the owner.

### Program Requirements

1. The property must not have any outstanding liens or Code Enforcement violations.
2. The Pinellas County Property Appraisers Office must show that property taxes are paid up-to-date.
3. All work must meet applicable Town of Kenneth City Code and be performed by a Licensed Contractor.
4. All applicable permits must be obtained.

### Program Funding

Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to program participants. Eligible applicants may receive a reimbursement grant equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of building improvements up to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) with a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Those buildings abutting two public rights-of-Way and/or located on a corner having two sides facing a right-of-Way are considered to have two facades and may qualify for up to ten thousand dollars

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(\$10,000.00) in matching funds. There is a limit of three (3) matching façade grants per owner within a single retail center. Applicant's matching dollars may consist of costs they incur improving the exterior of the site, i.e., landscaping, even if it is not related to the façade, but must be contracted for and completed simultaneously with the façade.

### **ADA Accessibility Improvements**

Applicants may be eligible for up to an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in grant funds with no match required for exterior work needed for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements. This work must be done in conjunction with and during the time of the façade improvements.

### **Economic Development Incentives – Beautification**

Additional grant funding may be available to businesses to help defray the costs associated with demolition, real estate lease/commission fees, signage, ADA improvements, or updating utilities. Funding would be made available on a first-come-first-serve basis to Town businesses, up to 50% of the cost for aggregate improvements, and not exceeding \$5,000 per street frontage. The grant is intended to promote diversification, redevelopment, and growth of the Town's business community.

### **Payments**

The Town of Kenneth City will provide funds for these programs on a reimbursement basis after receipt of all supporting documentation, including proof of payment (copy of cancelled checks, etc.) for all improvements. Reimbursement is issued after the successful completion of a qualified project.

**Projects must be approved prior to beginning construction in order to participate in the program.**

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## **Application Information for Demolition Grant**

### **Eligible Applicant**

A person or corporation having ownership or leasehold rights in an eligible building or site. Leasehold applicants are required to obtain approval from the owner.

### **Eligible Sites**

Any residential or commercial site within the downtown (CRA) district where there is substandard or deteriorated structure or part thereof. The structure must be functionally obsolete or economically unfeasible to repair. The City's Planning & Development Department may make this determination. Residential structures must have been abandoned or vacant for at least a year before they can be demolished under this program.

### **Program Requirements**

1. The property must not have any outstanding liens.
2. The Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office must show that property taxes are paid up-to-date.
3. All work must meet applicable Town of Kenneth City Code and be performed by a licensed contractor.
4. All applicable permits must be obtained.
5. All projects are subject to an environmental review and historical assessment (if applicable). Federal procurement and labor standards may apply.

### **Program Funding**

Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to program participants. Eligible applicants may receive a reimbursement grant up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the cost of demolition and clearance of a site. The minimum demolition grant is five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

### **Payments**

The Town of Kenneth City will provide funds for this program on a reimbursement basis after receipt of all supporting documentation, including proof of payment (copy of cancelled checks, etc.) for demolition work completed. Reimbursement is issued after the successful completion of a qualified project.

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## **Application Information for Economic Development Grant**

### **Eligible Applicant**

A person or corporation having ownership or leasehold rights in an eligible building site. Leasehold applicants are required to obtain approval from the owner.

### **Program Requirements**

1. The property must not have any outstanding liens or Code Enforcement violations.
2. The Pinellas County Property Appraisers Office must show that property taxes are paid up-to-date.
3. All work must meet applicable Town of Kenneth City Code and be performed by a Licensed Contractor.
4. All applicable permits must be obtained.

### **Program Funding**

Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to program participants. Funding allocated for the expansion of the Town's existing commercial façade grant program. Includes reimbursement for up to 50% of the costs of qualifying improvements, and not to exceed \$5,000 per street frontage. Eligible reimbursable costs may include building demolition, real estate commission fees, signage or related improvements, ADA improvements, or updating utilities.

### **Payments**

The Town of Kenneth City will provide funds for these programs on a reimbursement basis after receipt of all supporting documentation, including proof of payment (copy of cancelled checks, etc.) for all improvements or eligible reimbursement costs. For construction-related grants, reimbursement is issued after the successful completion of a qualified project.

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