



City of Clermont Community Redevelopment Area Commercial Enhancement Grant

Purpose and Program:

The Commercial Enhancement Grant Program is designed to provide a financial incentive to help facilitate the exterior improvement of existing commercial properties within the City of Clermont Community Redevelopment Area specifically along State Road 50. Commercial property along State Road 50 within the Clermont Community Redevelopment Area may qualify for up to \$20,000 with a 50% match by the applicant. Any grants greater than \$10,000 shall be for high impact projects, which represent private investments of greater than \$500,000. The property must be located along SR50 within the CRA are that potentially contribute to the increase in taxable value. The grant is a matching, reimbursable grant providing commercial property owners/tenants with a more visually appealing property. Eligible improvements include:

- Painting
- Shutters
- Awnings/canopies
- Decorative exterior façade improvements
- Exterior doors and windows
- Exterior lighting
- Patio deck connecting to the building
- Exterior wall repairs stucco, brick or wood repairs and replacement
- ADA improvements
- Signage upgrades for existing business excluding business copy
- Roof repair/replacement
- New construction may qualify if it involves demolishing existing blighted building

Non-eligible work:

- National Franchise
- Properties exempt from property taxes
- Structural foundations; security systems; non-permanent fixtures, interior improvements; landscaping; sidewalks or paving.

Applicant Name:

Applicant Address:

Applicant Phone:

Property Owner Name (if different):

Property Address:

What is the term of the lease for the space? Must provide signed copy of current lease and notarized consent of property owner.

What is the current use of the property?

What leasehold improvements are required to obtain any licenses or permits to do business as a business/restaurant /commercial kitchen/grocery in this location? City Building Department:

Any State Agencies:

What is the estimated cost for the leasehold improvements that are required? Please attach copies of manufacturer or contractors' estimates.

What is the expected opening date?

What type of business is being proposed?

What will be the business' hours of operation?

How many new full-time employment jobs will be created? _____

How many new part-time employment jobs will be created? _____

Does the establishment plan to offer any entertainment? _____

What is the proposed seating capacity if the establishment is a restaurant?

Will there be outdoor seating at this establishment?

Is this the business' first location, 2nd location or a relocation?

Submittal Requirements Checklist:

- A completed and signed application
- Notarized letter from property owner and proof of property taxes paid in current
- Anticipated Benefits of Commercial Enhancement Grant
 1. Describe the financial benefit of the future use to the City of Clermont, including projected tax revenue.
 2. Detail the number and types of existing and new jobs that the future site use will create with income ranges.
 3. Please describe the potential community and non-monetary benefits the future site use contributes to the city its residents and visitors.
 4. Please describe in detail how the future site use aligns with the downtown waterfront masterplan.

NOTE: Any cost for work previously completed prior to an approved application cannot be reimbursed under any circumstance. Do not start any work until after final approval by the City of Clermont. Completion of the Contract with the city and notice to proceed has been issued. Building permits will be required where applicable.

Grants will be awarded based on many different variables, such as:

- Visual impact on the commercial district
- Commitment of applicants to complete project
- Contribution of project to the economic vitality of the commercial district
- Enhancement of property appearance
- Retention of historic features
- Leverage of private investment
- Availability of program funding
- Consistency with the Clermont downtown waterfront masterplan
- Targeted uses that do not exist in the downtown, which the city would like to attain
- Grant cannot be combined with any other grant programs
- Once a grant is awarded, the property is not eligible for another grant within a 3year period.

For more information visit www.clermontfl.gov
Curt Henschel, Development Services Director
685 W. Montrose Street
Clermont, FL 34711
352-241-7307
chenschel@clermontfl.org