

# Facade Improvement Program

## What Is The Facade Improvement Program?

The Facade Improvement Program is administered by the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA). The CRA is empowered by state statutes to undertake projects that will enhance opportunities for economic growth and improve upon deteriorated properties located in blight and substandard project areas in the community.

The Facade Improvement Program is a project which provides funding assistance to property owners in targeted areas of Grand Island. Funds provided by the program are utilized to rehabilitate commercial building frontages.

By making these funds available, the Facade Improvement Program contributes to the improvement of the overall appearance of buildings and entire neighborhoods, which results in a stronger customer base and economic growth for area businesses.

## How Do Facade Improvements Impact My Community?

The Community Redevelopment Authority has been working to improve upon the image of Grand Island since 1995 by helping property owners to plan for, and provide assistance for the financing of restoration of properties.

The benefits of this effort go far and beyond the obvious architectural improvements in the buildings. By improving the appearance of specific properties, business owners and residents located in blighted and substandard areas are able to boast a more attractive neighborhood, and ultimately attract new, quality businesses to their district. In Grand Island, the CRA has been instrumental in helping to enhance the historical features in many storefronts. As a result, the improvements have heightened interest in the unique, historic qualities of the area, the interest of the property owners, business patrons, and visitors.

Property owners who are located within the blighted and substandard designated regions are eligible to apply for assistance from the CRA.

## What Type Of Improvements Are Allowed?

Signs  
Awnings  
Exterior Lighting  
Paint  
Removal of incompatible exterior finishes and materials  
Brick and stone restoration

## How Can I Get More Information?

Contact the Director of the CRA, Chad Nability at the City of Grand Island Community Planning Department.

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