

City of Oregon

FACADE IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose

This matching grant facade improvement program has been implemented to stimulate efforts to improve the street appearance of Oregon's historic buildings and business facades. The program has been funded by the City of Oregon and will be administered by the City. There will be a \$5,000 maximum per grant which must be matched by the applicant. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to one application per business or building, per fiscal year. Each application will be reviewed by a committee consisting of a City Council Member, and an assigned representative of the ECDC committee). An architect can be made available for review and when applicable an architectural review may be required. This program will be paid for by TIF Funds. The program may be funded in part by Economic Development Funds with the consent of the Oregon City Council.

Limit

Five \$5,000 matching grants per fiscal year will be available for award each year as funds allow. The City of Oregon has the right to increase or decrease this amount depending on available funds or cancel this program at the end of the first year.

Qualifications for Grant Application:

1. The property must be in the TIF District within Oregon city limits.
2. Applicant must be the occupying business owner, or owner of the property being reviewed.
3. Within the National Register Historic District - Grant monies must be used for street façade in the (front face of the building visible from the street) in the improvements such as paint, lighting, window repair or replacement, masonry repair as approved by the committee. Improvements need to conform to City of Oregon design elements and color palette for the historic district.
4. Improvements to business signage will also be considered under the same conditions up to \$1,000 matching grant... (a cap of \$5,000 total is still in place if signage is part of structural façade improvement). Sidewalks, driveways, parking lot surfaces, striping and landscaping do not qualify for facade grant monies. Request for corner buildings and alleyways will be subject to special consideration.
5. Façade improvements to the rear of building will also be eligible for this grant if it is a significant public entrance and visible to the general public. (for example: facing public parking lot)

The following steps are necessary to make application:

I. Application prior to work being initiated

The following items must be submitted to City Hall before the application can be reviewed.

- a. Current photograph of property to be improved.
- b. Drawings of proposed improvements if available.
- c. Written description of proposed improvements, including materials and colors.
- d. Preliminary estimate of costs.

II. Preliminary Approval

At this time, there may be an on-site inspection of the property with applicant(s) and grant committee to review application. After this inspection, the committee will make a preliminary decision on the status of the application.

III. Final Approval & Payment

Applicant must submit final contractor itemized bid within three (3) months of completion, accompanied by cancelled checks or bills marked as paid. The committee will then determine if the project qualified for recommendation of final approval by the City Council.

At this time, the final payment request will be presented at the City Council meeting for Council approval (applicant need not be present). The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

APPLICATION

- Estimated cost of project:** \$ _____

Date _____

CITY OF OREGON SIGN COLORS FOR THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS

See the attached color pallets for downtown sign colors. Colors include the background of the sign as well. The SW number stands for Sherwin Williams although those numbers can be cross referenced to most paint providers.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN



Roycroft Suede SW 2842
Roycroft Brass SW 2843
Polished Mahogany SW 2838



Weathered Shingle SW 2841
Aurora Brown SW 2837
Roycroft Bottle Green SW 2847



Bunglehouse Gray SW 2845
Roycroft Bottle Green SW 2847
Roycroft Copper Red SW 2839



Roycroft Bronze Green SW 2846
Birdseye Maple SW 2834
Hammered Silver SW 2840



Aurora Brown SW 2837
Roycroft Suede SW 2842
Roycroft Bronze Green SW 2846



Craftsman Brown SW 2835
Roycroft Vellum SW 2833
Quartersawn Oak SW 2836



Birdseye Maple SW 2834
Weathered Shingle SW 2841
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