



Community and Economic Development Department

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Sweet Home Commercial Exterior Improvement Program (CEIP) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is this Commercial Exterior Improvement Program?

The Commercial Exterior Improvement Program (CEIP) is a matching grant program that was approved by the Sweet Home City Council in order to provide an incentive to property and business owners to improve the exteriors of their commercial buildings and property.

2. What properties are eligible for this program?

Commercial buildings located in the Main and Long Street corridors between 1st and 18th Avenues are eligible for this grant program. See the enclosed map.

2-3. What kinds of projects are eligible under this matching grant program?

Eligible projects include upgrades to the exterior of a business to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), construction of new awnings, building façade enhancement, landscaping, exterior building painting, parking lot improvements, walkway improvements, and sign replacements. Projects need to enhance the aesthetic quality of Sweet Home's business districts.

3-4. What level of a match will the City provide?

The City will provide a match of 50% to 75% of eligible project costs based on the type of proposed improvement. The business owner would be responsible for the remaining balance.

4-5. What is the most funding that I can receive?

Five-Ten thousand dollars (\$510,000) is the maximum potential grant award for most projects. If the Grant Review Committee determines that an improvement would provide an exceptional public benefit, a higher award amount may be approved.

5-6. How can I take advantage of this program?

The first step is to fill out an application, which is included in this packet. The completed application and referenced documents should then be submitted to the Community and Economic Development Department at City Hall, 1140-12th Ave 3225 Main Street, Sweet Home.

6-7. How do I receive my grant reimbursement?

After an approved project is completed, business owners should notify the City and submit receipts for their expenses. The City will review the receipts, verify that work has been completed, and arrange for funds to be sent to the business.

7-8. Why did the City of Sweet Home create this program?

This program places into action the Vision and Mission of Sweet Home's City Council, to "create an economically strong environment in which businesses prosper."



8-9. Who can I call if I have questions?

Please call the City of Sweet Home Community and Economic Development Department at (541) 367-8113. The program is detailed in the "Main Document," which is included in this packet.