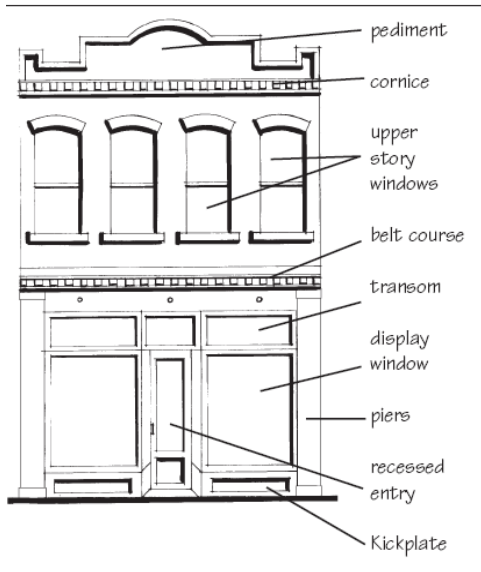




Improve the appearance of your building with help from fellow business owners and the City of Safford



Safford Downtown Association



808 S 8th Avenue
Safford, AZ 85546
Phone: Downtown Manager @ 928-432-4140

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Association**

Downtown Facade Grant Program



Matching Grants of up to \$6,000

Design ideas and direction assistance available

Eligible Area

The facade grant program is part of a comprehensive approach to improving Downtown Safford. SDA members that are property owners and merchants operating within Downtown Safford between Hwy 191 to 8th Avenue and Hwy 70 and 8th Street are eligible for the grant program.



Eligible Projects

Eligible Projects include:

- Full facade renovations including landscaping
- Sidewalk cafes and shade structures
- Awnings
- Signs



How it works

Step One: Apply for the Grant

1. Contact the Safford Downtown Manager at 928-432-4140 or stop by the City of Safford Community Development office and pick up an application.
2. Return the application and 9 copies of the completed proposal to the Safford Downtown Manager.
3. If the project is eligible, the Downtown Manager meets on site with the applicant to discuss project proposal.

Step Two: Application Review

Application is reviewed for approval, approved with conditions, or denied by the Safford Downtown Manager and Safford Downtown Association Design Committee.

1. Application is reviewed at the Safford Downtown Association's monthly meeting.
2. If approved, applicant obtains City permits if needed. City of Safford Building Permit fees are waived for approved Façade Grant applicants.

Step Three: Construction

1. Construction begins and is completed.
2. Safford Downtown Manager and applicant inspect for project completion.

Step Four: Getting a Rebate

1. Applicant files with Downtown Manager all documentation regarding costs of completion of project on or before June 30 of the fiscal year grant was applied for.
2. A check is authorized and sent to applicant.

Program Goals

The purpose of the facade improvement program is to work in partnership with private property and business owners to:

- Revitalize and beautify Downtown Safford
- Increase foot traffic and shopping in Downtown
- Increase property values and sales tax revenue

Financial Assistance

Paid after project completion

- Funding for the Downtown Façade Grant Program is provided by the City of Safford and the Safford Downtown Association.
- \$6,000 is allocated per year. The grant cycle begins July 1 and ends June 30 each year and funding is available until the total amount of allocated funds are expended.
- A matching requirement of 50% or more of the cost of the entire project must be contributed by the business or property owner.
- Building owners and merchants are eligible for 1 grant per storefront in a 1 year period.

