



Façade Grants Return!!
All Commercial DDA District Properties are Eligible

The Economic Restructuring Committee is currently reviewing and making some significant changes to the DDA Façade Grant. The DDA suspended façade grants in FY 08-09 because of a shortage of funding however, the Board has committed \$10,000 in the FY 09-10 budget and will be bringing them back beginning July 1st. The “Building Exterior Grant Program” will replace the former “Façade Grants”. Several other changes are currently being discussed and will be presented to the DDA Board for approval prior to July 1.

The first change suggested by the ER Committee was to make all commercial properties in the DDA District eligible to apply for a grant, instead of just the historic downtown area. Eligible repairs would include carpentry, painting, masonry cleaning, window restoration or replacement, improvements to doors or entryways, sign repair or replacement, improvements to awnings or canopies, as well as tuckpointing, restoration of original architectural features, removal of historically inappropriate materials, if applicable. Property owners or tenants may apply although tenants must have a two year lease to qualify. If commercial property under one ownership is a multi-tenant building, each separate unit with an individual storefront and an independent ground floor entry shall be eligible to receive a Building Exterior Improvement Grant.

Grants may be awarded for up to 50 percent of the total cost of qualified improvements. “Although the maximum grant amount has not been officially approved by the DDA Board, we anticipate it being around \$2,000. This will allow us to help approximately five businesses in the next year” says Marty Lorenz, Holly Foods Manager, ER Committee Member and DDA Board Member.

The Building Exterior Grant Program is to encourage economic investment and revitalization to the commercial buildings in the Holly DDA District. The Grant Program is designed to target low cost physical improvements/ repairs to the building. For more information about the Building Exterior Grant Program, please call 248-634-9571.