



# Greektown Traditional Cultural Property District Facade Improvement Grant Program FACT SHEET



## Introduction and Purpose

The Greektown Traditional Cultural Property District (Greektown) Façade Improvement Grant program seeks to encourage commercial building owners and tenants to invest in properties located within the Greektown Traditional Cultural Property District (see attached map), by financially assisting with appropriate exterior renovations to their buildings. The intention is to stimulate building improvements while being mindful of the historical significance and uniqueness of this historic district. Positive building appearance has been proven to increase property values, improve the marketability of space within the building and attract new businesses, residents and visitors to an area.

## Program Objectives

The primary objectives of the Greektown Façade Improvement Grant are to promote private investment into the area, attract business, and stimulate renovation and rehabilitation of historic structures. These objectives are aimed at a goal of enriching the local and visitor experience to Greektown.

## Program Guidelines

1. Funds shall be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tenants may qualify upon written consent from the owner of the building.
2. The program is reimbursable. Grant funds can be used for up to 50% of project costs not to exceed \$5,000.
3. **All grant applications must receive approval by the Technical Review Committee (TRC) before any construction can commence. No grants will be awarded on an application if work has been started or completed.**
4. All applicants will be required to present proper permitting through the Building Development Department before any application will receive an "approved" grant award. This includes any changes required to obtain a building permit. Variances and/or zoning change requests must be handled prior to award approval.
5. All applicants that are awarded a grant understand that when submitting for reimbursement, "cash receipts" will not be accepted due to auditing requirements. Payment for materials and services must be made by check, money order or by credit card. Verification of payment must be submitted with reimbursement request.
6. Only properties located within the Greektown Traditional Cultural Property District are eligible.





## Eligible Improvements

Exterior renovations to the building are eligible for funding. Examples of improvements for which funds may be used include, but are not limited to:

- Architectural Façade Renovation
- Replacement or Installation of Windows and/or Doors
- Replacement or Installation of Permanent Awnings
- Structural Alterations or Accessibility Improvements
- Landscaping and Irrigation
- Professional services associated with renovations

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must comply with the following criteria and submit a complete application with all required submittals prior to review.

1. The applicant must be the owner of the building. Tenant may qualify upon written consent by the owner of the building.
2. Business must be a permitted use as outlined in the City of Tarpon Springs Land Development Code and meet the intent of the zoning code.
3. Property taxes, both City and County, must be current.



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