

RESOLUTION NO. G-1337

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission to provide a grant opportunity or program for those who qualify to help lessen the financial burdens to those embarking on improvement or beautification efforts on their property; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a partner in these efforts in prior years and is now continuing through a grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need to provide funds to property owners to repair and improve their buildings in its Commission Strategic Plan, ReNewton, and Downtown Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS, that a Façade Improvement Program (the “Program”) is hereby reestablished which shall operate in the following manner, to wit:

1. Eligibility. Properties within the C-3 district of Newton with priority going to those applications for properties located on Main, Broadway and 1st Street, and those properties listed as historic on either the National, State or Local Registers.

2. Funding. The Program is solely funded by the Governing Body. Once the funds in the Program have been exhausted, no further applications will be approved, unless further funding is allocated. It is at the discretion of the Governing Body to continue to fund the Program after or prior to the exhaustion of the original funds. The Governing Body may amend or discontinue the Program at any time regardless of any available funding. The Governing Body hereby appropriates the following funding of \$30,000.00 in furtherance of the Program. Any additional funding shall be approved by the Governing Body.

3. Application and Deadline. The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)/Main Street Office is hereby authorized to create and distribute an application for the Program that is consistent with the terms of this Resolution (the “Façade Improvement Program Application.”) To participate in the Program, the applicant must submit a completed Façade Improvement Program Application to the CVB/Main Street Office as follows:

- (a) For persons requesting funding:
 - i. Application and required attachments must be submitted to the CVB/Main Street Office.
 - ii. The Main Street Board with the assistance of City Staff will assess the application for appropriateness, zoning, permitting, Historic structure,

current tax payment status, code enforcement violations and eligibility for the Program.

- iii. Once deemed eligible, work must be completed, and receipts provided to the CVB/Main Street Office showing total cost of the completed project within twelve (12) months of the application date.
- iv. Reimbursement payment will be awarded as outlined below in the *Program Benefits* section.
- v. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted or the Program ends.
- vi. The Main Street Board shall have full discretion and authority to deny any request for funding under this Program.

4. Program Benefits. Program benefits for eligible properties are as follows:

- (a) Each property that is approved for the Program under the requirements will be eligible for a grant up to \$3,000 with a grantee match of 50% of the total project cost for improvements to building facades.
- (b) Applicants will be awarded based on their scoring of the following: Historic Property, On Main Arterial, Design Appropriateness, project readiness, etc.

5. Program Requirements. In order to receive the designated Program benefits, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- (a) The applicant must be the property owner, or a tenant with the property owner's permission.
- (b) The project must meet required code, historical review and design guidelines as necessary.
- (c) The applicant must complete the approved work and present receipts to the City.
- (d) The applicant must provide a work plan that meets the approval of the Main Street Board.
- (e) The Main Street Board is provided with the authority to implement additional eligibility requirements consistent with this Resolution.

6. Administrative Authority. The City Manager is hereby authorized with the discretion to effectuate any actions to fulfill the general intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the City Commission of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2024.



Rod Kreie, Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise R. Duerksen, City Clerk