



Commercial Façade Program

CRA Overview

The Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was established in 1995 under Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes. Through the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA (NPF-CRA) Redevelopment Plan, the CRA is authorized to produce plans and encourage activities designed to eliminate and prevent the spread of blighted conditions and develop a work program to aid in the areas rehabilitation, conservation and redevelopment.

Program Overview

The CRA/City of Fort Lauderdale's Façade Program is an incentive program available to businesses located in the CRA district targeted by the CRA/City for aesthetic improvements to the exterior of a commercial building and site. Eligible exterior improvements include:

- Façade reconstruction and/or architectural improvements
- Painting
- Door/window repair or replacement
- Landscaping
- Parking repavement or installation of brick pavers for walkways
- Installation of exterior lighting
- Exterior wall repair (stucco, brick or wood repairs and replacement)
- Installation of awnings
- Installation of new signage

The CRA/City will provide a grant for 75% of a project totaling \$10,000 or less, for a maximum CRA/City grant of \$7,500. For projects within the CRA/City's targeted redevelopment areas on Sistrunk Boulevard, the maximum contribution may be increased to \$20,000 with a 20% match from the business.

Examples

	Within CRA Limits	Within targeted redevelopment area (Sistrunk Blvd)	Outside CRA Limits
Project Cost:	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
City Grant:	\$ 7,500	\$20,000	\$ 7,500
Owner's Responsibility:	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500

Properties listed for sale may not apply. Properties sold within one year of receiving façade funding must repay the full amount; properties sold within two years of receiving façade funding must repay 50% of the amount received. Work on the project must begin within ninety (90) days following CRA/City approval process. Applicant may reapply if deadline is missed.

Application Process

Applicants must complete a Program Application (Sections A-C), in addition to the following:

- Proof of ownership or permission from the property owner and photographs of the property you wish to be considered for this program.
- A copy of the Grantee's fire and casualty insurance for the property must be provided. The NPF/City of Fort Lauderdale must be named as "Additionally Insured" during construction of the improvement.
- Two (2) detailed written estimates from contractors and vendors for the services/ work to be completed.
- Proof that a twenty-five percent (25%) match can be provided.

Projects must comply with CRA Urban Design Guidelines (under development) if located along the Sistrunk Corridor. Because of limited funding, staff from the City's Community Redevelopment Agency will evaluate the submissions and select those that beautify the neighborhood, will be a catalyst for other businesses, complement area improvements, and create additional jobs for the area.

The Façade Program benefits are contingent upon funding availability and CRA/City approval and are not to be construed as an entitlement or right of a property owner or applicant. Properties in the designated Enterprise Zone or CRA areas are not eligible for CRA/City funded programs when such funding conflicts with the goals expressed in the CRA Strategic Finance Plan or Community Redevelopment Plan.