



INTERIOR UPLIFT PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Interior Uplift Grant Program?

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) Commercial Building Interior Uplift Grant is an incentive program available to businesses throughout the FPRA District. The program provides matching funds to commercial property owners and businesses for interior upgrades with a focus on projects that remedy degraded building systems and extend the economic viability of the building. The goal of the program is to eliminate functional obsolescence, remove deterioration, and improve the “energy efficiency” of existing buildings in the FPRA District, with an emphasis on bringing these building up to current building codes and making them more viable for occupancy.

What is the maximum award for the grant?

The Interior Uplift Grant Program offers financial assistance in the form of a reimbursable, matching (50%) grant up to \$10,000 to the property or business owner for eligible expenses associated with interior upgrades. Grants cannot be awarded retroactively for work that has already been completed.

When is the pre-application deadline for the Commercial Façade Grant Program and where do I submit my pre-application?

The pre-application deadline is January 19, 2022 at 5:00pm and can be submitted online at <https://choosefortpierce.com/969/FPRA-Incentive-Program>

Paper applications are available by request, please contact Miriam Garcia at 772-467-3786 or email fpri@cityoffortpierce.com.

Do I have to submit a pre-application before I receive the application?

Yes, a pre-application is required to determine eligibility.

Is my business eligible for the grant?

Ensure that your business is located within the FPRA District, review program guidelines and eligibility and complete the pre-application form.

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What types of improvements are eligible for the grant?

Examples of eligible improvements are structure stabilization, windows, interior doors, HVAC systems, plumbing systems, grease traps, plumbing fixtures, security systems, electrical systems and fixtures, flooring, roofing, ADA requirements, painting when accompanied with other interior work, remediation of environmental contamination, 10% of project architectural fees. Please note that this list is not exhaustive.

What types of improvements are not eligible for the grants?

New construction, exterior improvements, maintenance activities such as painting, permit fees and taxes, improvements made prior to grant approval, sweat equity payments, improvements that are required as a result of a violation notice.

Do I have to complete the work before I get paid?

Yes, the applicant will incur 100% of the project costs and may receive 50% reimbursement only after all improvements have been completed in accordance with the grant award up to \$10,000.

Can I apply for a grant if I am a commercial tenant and do not own my building?

Yes, you will be required to provide a signed lease and written permission from the property owner to make the changes outlined in the project.

How does the FPRA decide who is awarded funding?

City staff will evaluate the application against the evaluation criteria. The CRA Advisory Committee will review the rankings and make recommendations to the FPRA Board. The FPRA Board will make the final determination.