



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

Funding of \$150,000 for the Façade Improvement Grant Program is authorized in the 2012 Adopted Operating Budget as part of the Capital Revolving Fund (p. 25). This Resolution awards grants totaling \$60,000. Following approval of this Resolution, \$90,000.00 of authorized funding will remain for future projects.

### Title

Approving Facade Improvement Grants to 437 State Street (See Eyewear) 104 King Street (Topsy Cow), and 706 Williamson Street (Flux Mopeds).

### Body

On October 3, 2000, the Common Council adopted Resolution ID # 61179, approving the Facade Improvement Grant Program to support and encourage small local businesses to reinvest in the downtown and smaller, neighborhood shopping and business areas and designating the Community Development Authority as the agent of the City for the operation and administration of the Program. The grants are matching grants and will be provided in an amount up to 50% of the total project costs up to a maximum of \$10,000 for a single facade, \$20,000 for a building with two facades, and \$25,000 for a “flatiron” building. The objective of the Program is to restore, beautify, or enhance the entire facade or elevation of a commercial building. The Facade Improvement Grant Program Staff Team has reviewed the following Façade Improvement proposals and determined that it meets the requirements of the Program. The Urban Design Commission has reviewed the proposal and recommends design approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council does hereby approve the following Facade Improvement Grant proposals:

1. **437 State Street: See Eyewear**  
**Grantee: See Inc.**

The Façade is a “flatiron” building at the corner of State and Broom Streets.

- a. Install new 1st floor storefront on corner of State and Broom to restore historic entry presence
- b. Patch/infill masonry openings and penetrations, and remove panel as required
- c. Tuck point and sealing as required
- d. Painting entire masonry façade, window trims, railing, and cornice detail
- e. Install new signage
- f. Install new historically inspired door

Total project cost is estimated at \$86,838.00.  
Façade Improvement Grant not to exceed \$25,000.00.

2. **104 King Street: Topsy Cow**  
**Grantee: Suhr Building, LLC**

The Facade is a “flatiron” building: Work includes restoration of stone, storefronts, windows and cornice.

- a. Remove and replace downspout & repair soffit
- b. Replace reduced windows with full size wood units
- c. Replace alum. storm units with full size wood windows
- d. Replace damaged windows with wood same size units
- e. Remove misc. sign hardware
- f. Install canvas awnings
- g. Replace deteriorated sandstone face
- h. Restore column bases
- i. Tuck point to match original mortar
- j. Paint

Total project cost is estimated at \$51,960.00.  
Façade Improvement Grant not to exceed \$25,000.00.

3. **706 Williamson Street: Flux Mopeds**  
**Grantee: Blount Street, LLC**

This property is located in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District.

Work includes removal of the existing garage door and replacing it with a new permanent storefront. The altered area will be a clear anodized aluminum storefront with insulated glazing units.

Total project cost is estimated at \$26,469.00.  
Façade Improvement Grant not to exceed \$10,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute grant agreements with the grantees and any other documents necessary to complete these improvements.