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## Portland DDA now accepting facade grant applications

PORTLAND - The Portland Downtown Development Authority announced today that applications for their local façade improvement grants will be accepted until July 29. This building façade grant is open to any Portland Main Street district building or business owner.

"We will have at least two matching grants available this year," said Downtown Development Authority/Main Street manager Patrick Reagan. "It is a 50/50 matching grant, which means for every dollar a building or business owner invests into an awarded facade project, the Downtown Development Authority will match up to \$5,000 of total project expense."

The grant is competitive and applications will be scored by the Portland Main Street Design Committee. Applications can be downloaded from the Portland Main Street website, [www.portlandmainstreet.org](http://www.portlandmainstreet.org). Though applications can be downloaded from the website, applicants will also be required to meet on July 29 with the Design Committee to discuss their projects.

"Quite often during these types of programs, we will get applications and have some questions about the projects that a paper form can't answer alone. In order to help the Design Committee choose the best projects, they felt that meeting with each applicant would allow for questions to be answered right away from the building or business owner," said Reagan.

For more details on this opportunity, please contact the Portland Main Street office at (517) 647-5027 or log on to the Main Street website at [www.portlandmainstreet.org](http://www.portlandmainstreet.org).

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