



Legislation Text

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TO: Margate CRA Chair and Members of the Board

FROM: Cale Curtis, CRA Executive Director

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AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH RELEASE OF REVISED MCRA MATCHING GRANT PROGRAMS FOR COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS, LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS, AND COMMERCIAL DEMOLITION

**BACKGROUND:** On August 20, 2019, the Board approved a moratorium on the acceptance of new applications to all existing MCRA grant programs so that staff could review the programs and prepare recommendations to modify or eliminate each. On December 10, 2019, the MCRA approved the adoption of guidelines for three new grant programs:

- Commercial Façade Improvement Matching Grant Program
- Landscape Improvement Matching Grant Program
- Commercial Demolition Matching Grant Program

Following is a brief summary of the programs. All programs provide a dollar-for-dollar match and the grant cannot exceed 50% of total cost up to the maximum incentive amount. The grant programs are for existing projects only.

Incentive Program	What is Covered?	Maximum Incentive Paid by MCRA
Commercial Façade Improvement	Exterior façade improvements on building side facing the right-of-way	For properties 60 ft+ frontage: Up to \$8,500 architectural + up to \$60,000 for construction For properties < 60 ft frontage: Up to \$4,500 architectural + up to \$25,000 for construction
Landscape Improvement	Asphalt removal, irrigation system install; plant materials; water impact fees for irrigation, design, etc.	Up to \$10,000
Commercial Demolition	Demolition of existing building(s); debris removal; existing parking surface removal; utility shut-off	Up to \$75,000 for one lot; up to \$75,000 per lot if operated as a single project. (Requires construction of new building(s)).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** The MCRA has funds appropriated in the Property Improvements Grants account #140-0510-512.83-35 for this program.

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