

DISCUSSION

Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre Façade Grant

The Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre has applied for a Façade Enhancement Grant of \$3,000 to support the addition of a wrought iron fence at 13512 - 108 Avenue (Appendix “II”). This project includes the addition of a 6’ high decorative fence along the sidewalk with vehicle access gates along 108 Avenue as well as along the property frontage along 135A Street.

The new fence will help to secure the property and reduce the instance of nuisance behaviour affecting visitors and staff. The fence, along with landscape improvements will help to better define the property boundaries, while matching the new fencing around the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Organizers anticipate that the improved security will encourage more groups to use the cultural hall, bringing more pedestrian traffic and vibrancy to this area of City Centre.

The project costs include \$3,000 to be applied to the \$17,000 overall fencing costs. Based on a review of the project against the Façade Enhancement Grant criteria, a grant of up to \$3,000 (30 percent of the costs) to the Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre is considered reasonable, subject to the following conditions:

- The submission of receipts for fencing installation; and
- The submission to the City of photographs that act to document the progress and outcomes of the project.

Funding

Appendix “III” provides information on the status of funding related to the Façade Enhancement Program based on an assumption that Council will approve the recommendations of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The CEPP Program supports the goals of the City’s Sustainability Charter by encouraging social connections, volunteerism, community ownership and citizen engagement, in accordance with the Sustainability Charter Goals SC 6, 7, 8 and 13.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve a grant under the (CEP) Façade Enhancement Program of up to \$3,000 to the Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre to support a fencing project at 13512 - 108 Avenue.

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Appendix “I”: CEPP Program Overview and Guidelines

Appendix “II”: Background information on the building façade improvements

Appendix “III” Status of Community Enhancement Partnership Program Funding

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CEPP Program Overview and Guidelines

Community Enhancement Partnership Program (CEPP) Program Overview and Guidelines Facade Enhancement Grant

The City of Surrey's Facade Enhancement Program encourages commercial property owners to invest in their buildings through façade renovations. Property owners are urged to renovate, building façades through grants, matching up to 30% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$3,000. Through the Facade Enhancement Program, property owners will help to improve the streetscape of the local community, attracting residents, businesses and customers to the area.

PROGRAM GOALS

The program addresses the following objectives:

1. Make city streets a more inviting and interesting place to walk and shop;
2. Build civic pride within the local business community;
3. Contribute to the quality of life of residents, workers and visitors in Surrey; and
4. Promote the marketability of local business areas

GRANT ALLOCATION

The program can provide grants of up to 30% of the cost of eligible improvements, to a maximum of \$3,000 per building. Any fees required for City permits can be included in addition to the grant. Program participants are eligible for reimbursement upon the completion of their approved project. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply at any time.

Council approval for the Facade Enhancement Grant must be given prior to any work being performed. Grants will not be awarded to Facade Enhancement projects that are under construction or completed.

Facade and storefront Enhancement proposals will be:

- Reviewed on a case by case basis
- Subject to approval by the Project Review Committee
- Subject to a legal agreement between the property owner and the City of Surrey
- Subject to the availability of funding

Eligible Applicants

- The applicant must be a property owner. If the applicant is the business owner/tenant, the applicant must have the approval of the property owner in writing
- Applicant must be current on all property tax obligations
- Business owners must have a valid Surrey Business License

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Facade renovations must involve the general upgrading of a building's external appearance focusing on the following guidelines:

- Contribute to the pedestrian environment by improving the aesthetic impact of the facade by adding visual interest to the streetscape;
- Provide year-round impact and permanent impact;
- Be completed in ways that are compatible with the original design of the structure;
- Contribute to the building's character; and
- Encourage other restoration or redevelopment within the downtown area.

Eligible Enhancements

Facade is defined as the portion of a building that faces the public right-of-way and is fronted by a sidewalk or similar pedestrian-oriented pathway. Facade enhancements restore or redesign existing storefronts. Renovations should improve the interface between the public right-of-way and commercial spaces, and enhance the overall streetscape.

All facade Enhancements should be compatible with applicable zoning codes, satisfy permit requirements, and conform to any other regulatory restrictions.

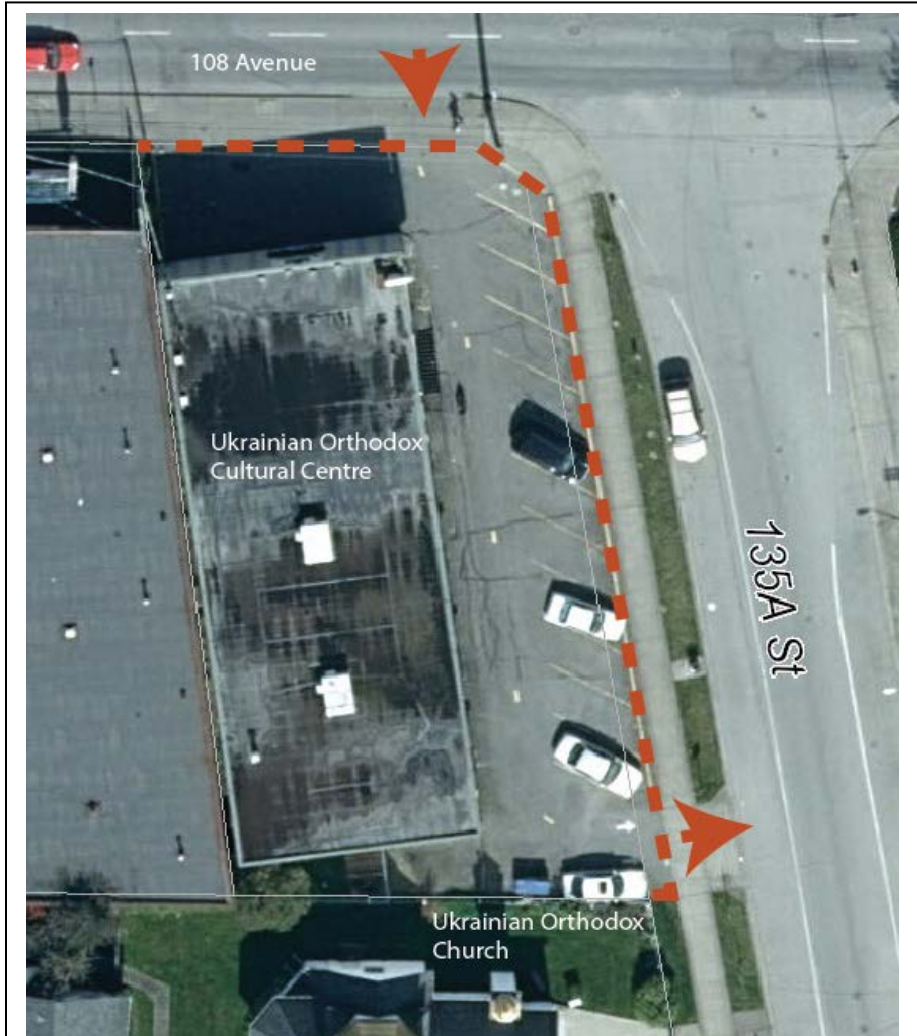
Eligible facade Enhancements include:

- Restoration of exterior finishes and/or repainting of exterior facades;
- Repair and/or replacement of frontage windows and doors;
- Exterior lighting;
- Repair and/or replacement of signs and other fixtures;
- Installation and/or repair of awnings;
- Addition of patio areas and/or permanent landscaping elements; and
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities and mobility challenges.
- Repair or restoration of facade masonry, brickwork, or wood
- Enhancement & removal of safety grilles

REIMBURSEMENT

- Funded projects must be completed within one year of Council approval, unless otherwise authorized by City staff. If the project is not completed by the deadline, the City's obligation to reimburse the owner or tenant for the project is terminated and funds will be reallocated for other grant applicants.
- Applicants must provide proof of payment (receipts, paid invoices, etc.) for all eligible enhancements within 30 days of project completion. Reimbursement for approved facade renovations is subject to final inspection. Project costs are subject to audit by the City of Surrey.

Background Information on the proposed facade improvements



Location of new fencing



Fence will match new fencing at the adjacent Ukrainian Church.

Status of Community Enhancement Partnership Program Funding



2016 FINANCIAL PLAN
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Description	Amount	Allocation to	
		Date	Remaining
2009 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2010 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2011 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2012 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2013 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2014 Budget Allocation	\$ 25,000.00		
2015 Budget Allocation	\$ 50,000.00		
2016 Budget Allocation	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 240,000.00
Carried forward from previous years		\$	94,280.00
Grants awarded in 2015			
58. Friends of the Grove	\$ 1,000.00		
59. Hall's Prairie Stream of Dreams	\$ 1,000.00		
60. Frost Road Elementary and HASTe BC	\$ 1,000.00		
61. Kylie Ali/Indigo Townhouse Complex	\$ 500.00		
62. FAÇADE- Old Surrey Restaurant	\$ 3,000.00		
63. DiverseCity Street Patio	\$ 3,000.00		
64. Crescent Park Garden	\$ 3,000.00		
65. W.E. Kinvig Fence Project	\$ 2,912.00		
66. Panorama Picnic in the Park	\$ 1,000.00		
67. FAÇADE- Yang Gateway Medical	\$ 1,520.00		
68. Gratitude Garden Project	\$ 3,000.00		
69. 98 Ave Block Party	\$ 690.00		
70. 34B Ave Block Party	\$ 655.00		
71. 81A Boulevard Project	\$ 500.00		
72. Skylands Townhouse Block Party	\$ 275.00		
73. Fraserview Terrace Block Party	\$ 550.00		
74. IAR Block Party	\$ 1,000.00		
75. Country Woods	\$ 1,000.00		
76. Church Lane Garden Walkway	\$ 770.00		
77. Youth Church Surrey	\$ 500.00		
78. PopUp Newton Art Walk	\$ 1,000.00		
79. Encyclopedia House	\$ 2,000.00		
80. A1 Sports Halloween Event	\$ 1,000.00		
81. 185th Street Entrance	\$ 1,950.00		
82. FAÇADE- 5619 176 A Street	\$ 480.00		
Grants awarded in 2016 (to date)			
83. Bark Park Temporary Dog Park	\$ 3,000.00		
84. 120th Street Planters	\$ 315.00		
85. FAÇADE- Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre (proposed)	\$ 3,000.00		
Total allocations :	\$ 39,617.00	\$	133,897.00
		\$	65,923.20