

## **NOTICE TO BUSINESS OWNERS:**



# Business Façade Improvement Program



*THROUGH A GRANT PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST*, the District of Stewart is once again offering the business façade grant program to financially support business improvements in the downtown area to enhance the aesthetics and visual appeal of Stewart.

### **Purpose of the Program:**

To enhance economic viability and vibrancy of the community, Stewart plans to support and encourage businesses in the downtown core to invest in visual enhancements to the built environment.

### **Eligible Façade Improvements:**

Visual improvements such as facades (front wall of buildings), signage, murals, architectural features, siding, lighting, permanent planters and awnings, and accessibility improvements (ramps, wider doorways) if part of a larger façade improvement project.

### **Eligible Properties:**

All businesses who are not in tax arrears qualify for this grant if they are located in the Downtown Commercial Development Permit Area as outlined in the Official Community Plan, have not received the grant in the past, and include properties:

- Fronting to 5th Avenue between Railway and Vancouver Street,
- Fronting on 4th Avenue on the North side of the road only between Railway and Vancouver Street,
- Within the block between Columbia Street and 3rd Avenue,
- Fronting onto 6th Avenue between Railway and Conway Street



### **Eligible Grant Amount:**

A grant rebate will be provided for up to 50% of the cost of the improvement to a maximum of \$5,000 per façade improvement project (total project cost would amount to \$10,000 to receive a \$5,000 rebate). Grant applications will be on a first come basis until May 31st or until all funds are committed.

**For the complete Guideline Package, or to submit an application for your business, please contact the District of Stewart office**

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