

Changes to the Lealman CRA Commercial Improvement Grant Program Guidelines

- What we want to incentivize:
 - Allow for a substantial site improvement (drainage, parking reconfiguration)
 - Allow for substantial exterior building improvements w/flood proofing in floodplain
 - Reduce barrier to change of use for properties & buildings
 - Move from maintenance to real improvements to properties & buildings
 - Incentivize food-service industry

- Keep the 50% match requirement – reimbursable grant

- Types of Improvements/Categories and Grant Limits:

<u>Existing Grant Limits</u>	Total of \$40,000
Interior	Up to \$20,000
Exterior Only or Exterior & Interior	\$40,000
<u>New Grant Limits</u>	Total of \$100,000
Exterior Building Only Site Improvements Only Combination of Building & Site	Up to \$100,000
Interior Building	Up to \$25,000
Food-Service	Up to \$25,000

- Frontage on Commercial Corridors & Expanded the map of Joe’s Creek Industrial Park to = TEILS map.

- Ineligible businesses:

- National corporate franchises, bail/bonds, pawn shops, smoke shops, electronic or vapor cigarette stores, mini-storage facilities, adult-oriented businesses, mobile vendors, places of worship, organizations exempt from property taxes
- Limited to locally independently owned and operated franchises. Owner must reside in the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area.

- Eligible and Ineligible Activities:

- Emphasized improvements over routine and deferred maintenance
- Added “Flood proofing for properties in a floodplain” and Stormwater Improvements
- Food-Service Incentive - Added AC/heat, fire suppression, kitchen hoods/venting, grease traps
- Food-Service Incentive - Excluded non-fixed equipment

- Application Requirements - Require a Zoning Certification Letter to certify zoning/land use

- Changed project timeline from 6 to up to 24 months

- Eliminated the option for change orders