

**WEST OCALA CRA SUBAREA  
COMMERCIAL ~~BUILDING PROPERTY~~ IMPROVEMENT GRANT ~~GRANT~~  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

~~3/19/18~~ Revised January 2025

Eligible Area	<p><b>West Ocala CRA See Map.</b></p> <p><b>Target Area Priorities in West Ocala CRA – Priorities</b> 1<sup>st</sup> = SR 40 corridor; 2<sup>nd</sup> = US 27 east of NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave; US 441; 3<sup>rd</sup> = all other areas</p>
Eligible Businesses	New & existing businesses; Retail, office, industrial, general business & non-profit organizations.
Eligible applicant	Property owner or business owner
Eligible Building Type	<p><u>1. Existing buildings.</u> <del>on</del></p> <p><u>2. <del>y</del>New construction projects on vacant property only. (Eligible work outlined below should not start before approval.)</u></p>
Eligible Property Type	Taxable ad valorem properties only. Properties must be in one of the following <u>Zoning Districts -- Business, Manufacturing, or Office.</u>
Ineligible Properties	Tax delinquent property; property in litigation; property in condemnation or receivership; property or tenants with outstanding financial obligations to City require City Council approval.
Eligible work	<p><u>Priority work elements are:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vacant bldg. being converted to active use.</li> <li>2. ADA Accessibility.</li> <li>3. Removal of bars from doors &amp; windows.</li> <li>4. Security systems incl. lighting, cameras and fencing.</li> <li>5. Façade improvements (visible from street) incl. doors, windows and signage.</li> <li>6. Demolitions</li> <li>7. Creation of new surface parking lot.</li> </ol>
Ineligible work	<p>Grant cannot be used to correct outstanding code violations in an active code enforcement case.</p> <p>Routine maintenance procedures, such as painting or minor repairs to existing materials alone, may not be eligible for a grant, but will be eligible as a component of a larger project.</p> <p>Only work begun <b>after</b> approval by the Ocala CRA (CRA) will be eligible for a grant. Work in progress or performed before approval will not be eligible.</p> <p>Reroofing,</p>

Maximum Grant	<del>\$15,000</del> -\$50,000
Required Match	3:1; City (75%) – Applicant (25%)
Design Guidelines	See attached
Ineligible Businesses	<p>The following business do not fit the vision for the West Ocala CRA and Community Plan and as such are <b>not eligible</b> for the grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Oriented Businesses</li> <li>• Tattoo Parlors / Shops</li> <li>• Bail / Bonds</li> <li>• Check Cashing Service</li> <li>• Pawn Shops</li> <li>• Bars; bars as part of restaurant are permissible but restaurant must be primary business</li> <li>• Electronic or Vapor Cigarette Store</li> </ul>

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