

Storefront Improvement Program



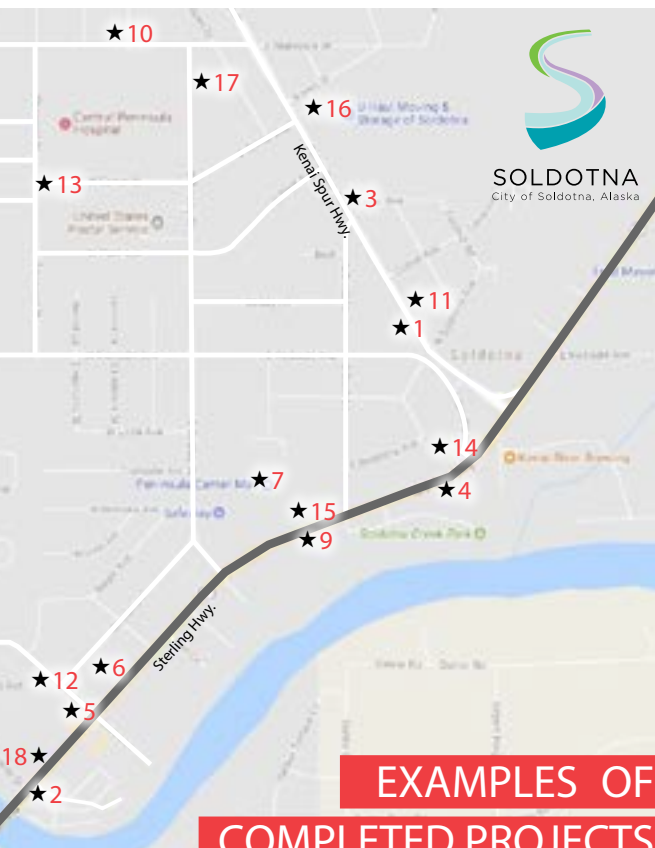
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EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED PROJECTS

2012-2023:

1. Mykel's, Soldotna Inn (35041 Kenai Spur Hwy.)
2. River Terrace RV (44761 Sterling Hwy.)
3. Previously The Fitness Place (31554 Kenai Spur Hwy.)
4. Previously Stanley Chrysler (44055 Sterling Hwy.)
5. Shops Around the Corner (44676 Sterling Hwy.)
6. Trustworthy 2, AK Wild Gear (44624 Sterling Hwy.)
7. PC Mall (44332 Sterling Hwy.)
8. The Catch & Angler's Inn (44715 Sterling Hwy.)
9. Odie's Deli (44315 Sterling Hwy.)
10. Dr. Sheridan (154 W. Marydale Ave.)
11. Previously Magic Moments (35036 Kenai Spur Hwy.)
12. Shops at the Coffeehouse (315 S. Kobuk St.)
13. Quintessence (197 W. Corral St.)
14. Heritage Square (44096 Sterling Hwy.)
15. Previously Blockbuster (44384 Sterling Hwy.)
16. Alaska Trading & Loan (35440 Kenai Spur Hwy.)
17. Legacy Electric (255 N. Aspen Dr.)
18. Eureka Mall (44758 Sterling Hwy.)

Total Private Investment 2012-2023: \$727,236

City Matching Funds awarded: \$137,386



The process is simple so you can get back to business.

- 1** Contact the City for program guidelines and an application.
- 2** Submit the application for review by the grant award committee.
- 3** If selected, the City will issue a 'Commitment of Funds' letter, outlining the grant conditions.
- 4** Build the project. Keep copies of all billing documents and invoices.
- 5** Submit receipts to the City for reimbursement of up to 50% of the costs.

Interested? Contact us today.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Soldotna recognizes that a thriving commercial core is critical to our economy, so we created the Storefront Improvement Program (SIP) in 2012 to assist business owners in revitalizing structures in our downtown.

The SIP program provides an incentive to small businesses and property owners to invest in improvements that enhance the exterior of their business, and improve the look of the community as a whole.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The storefront improvement program provides grant funding for eligible improvements to businesses in the City's commercial zones.

Upon completion of the work, approved projects will receive reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum amount of \$7,500. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and the City typically funds 2-3 projects each year.

WHO CAN APPLY

Commercial property owners and business lessees located within the City's Commercial and Limited Commercial zoning districts are eligible to apply.

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

Projects which are eligible for the program include:

- Painting and masonry work
- New siding or exterior facia
- Exterior lighting
- Canopies and awnings
- Storefront signage and graphics
- Permanent landscaping
- Accessibility improvements

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Some types of projects are not eligible for funding, such as parking lot paving, roof or structural work, or non-permanent fixtures such as personal property or equipment.

Additionally, some types of properties may not be eligible, such as: regular maintenance and upkeep; structures primarily in residential use; new construction less than 5 years old; structures not facing the street; and government offices and agencies.

For the full set of program requirements, please refer to the Program Guidelines, available at City Hall or on the City's website.

