



Agenda Item: 9.B
Date of Meeting: August 10, 2026
Department: Planning

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Ana Budnyk
Subject: **Signage Repair and Removal Grant Program**
Prepared On: August 4, 2026
Attachments: DRAFT_ INFORMATION_APPLICATION PACKET

Background/History:

The City created its Sign Ordinance in 2022 to improve the appearance, safety, and functionality of commercial areas.

Many existing commercial properties contain aging signs, obsolete sign structures, or legally established nonconforming signs that predate the current Sign Ordinance. While many of these signs may legally remain, property owners often face financial barriers to maintaining or voluntarily removing them.

The proposed grant program is intended to encourage voluntary improvements by offsetting a portion of eligible project costs.

Analysis/Discussion:

The proposed Signage Repair & Removal Grant Program is intended to assist commercial property owners and businesses with maintaining existing signage, removing obsolete and nonconforming signs, and improving the appearance of commercial corridors throughout the City. The program supports implementation of the City's Sign Ordinance while encouraging private investment and improving the visual quality of Bishop's commercial areas.

The program provides reimbursement grants for eligible sign maintenance, repair, removal, restoration, and associated improvements. Grant awards are available on a reimbursement basis following project completion and submission of the required documentation.

Impacts to Council Goals and Strategic Planning Priorities:

Strategic Planning, Objective 1.1: Create a vibrant, authentic, and pedestrian-friendly city that is a destination for residents and visitors.

Budget Impacts:

\$15,000 was appropriated for this program within the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget. No additional appropriation is requested.

Legal Review:

Attorney Dean J. Pucci has reviewed and approved the item.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Signage Repair & Removal Grant Program Application.
- Authorize the Planning Department to administer the program.

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