



TO: CRA Advisory Committee

THRU: Nicolas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM, City Manager  
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FROM: Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist

RE: **Commercial Façade Grant Recommendation**

DATE: November 30, 2023

The intent of the Commercial Façade Grant Program is to support the revitalization of the commercial corridors in the FPRA district by stimulating private investment in improvements that enhance the appearance of buildings and properties and eliminate blight and non-conforming design standards. This program is designed to encourage redevelopment of the FPRA by enhancing its visual aesthetics which will lead to increased property values, tenant occupancy, economic development, and job creation.

The applications were evaluated on the following evaluation criteria: visual impact, activation of a vacant building, business type, and goals of the FPRA Plan. The cumulative evaluation sheet of the applications is attached.

The qualified application for the grant is listed below:

- **215 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**, owned by Gloria Roa Bodin, P.A. achieved a score of **205** of 300 points. The property owner plans to enhance the property significantly by incorporating a porch, upgrading the existing driveway, adding pavers to the unimproved driveway, updating the landscaping, and enhancing the building's illumination. This business will also be improving the ADA access to the building. The estimated expenses for these improvements total \$62,000 and the request for the grant is \$25,000.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the CRA Advisory Committee forward a recommendation of approval for 212 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the FPRA Board.