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CITY OF CORTEZ

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CITY OF CORTEZ ANNOUNCES BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION MINI GRANT

Cortez-based businesses and nonprofits can apply for up to \$1,000 in matching funds.

In order to assist small businesses in creating a positive commercial environment, the City of Cortez is accepting applications for its **Cortez Business Beautification Mini Grant** program. The City may provide a matching grant of up to \$1,000 for the purchase of materials utilized in the enhancement of a business's existing façade or primary public entrance.

Eligible Projects Include:

- Replacement or upgrading exterior deteriorated materials
- New awnings, resurfacing, stucco, molding repair, signs, new doors or windows
- Painting of building façades
- Up to \$300 of match can be used for: purchasing and placement of flowers, potted bushes, other vegetation, window cleaning, and temporary window painting

Qualifications and Criteria:

- Cortez Businesses with a current sales tax license and Cortez nonprofits can apply.
- Businesses and nonprofits must be located within Cortez city limits and have a current public-facing façade. Home based businesses are ineligible.
- Approved improvements apply to exteriors only.
- The maximum grant reimbursement consideration shall be \$1,000 total. Up to \$300 of match can be used for flowers, potted bushes, vegetation, window cleaning, and temporary window painting.
- Applicant must obtain project approval prior to purchasing materials/ hiring contractor and will be reimbursed upon submittal of receipts, photos of improvements, and W-9.
- The program begins May 1. Projects must commence within 60 days of approval date and must be completed by September 30, 2023.
- Beautification projects must be compliant with the land use code.
- All materials and vegetation must be purchased from Montezuma County businesses. Contractors must be licensed. Montezuma County contractors preferred.
- Funds are limited. Qualifying requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis, while funding lasts.
- Businesses may obtain an application at City Hall, or by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/BizMiniGrant> or the City of Cortez website: search under Departments, Community & Economic Development, Incentives, Business Beautification Mini Grant.

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