



**Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Façade Improvement Grants Program**



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About the grant program:

South Burnett Regional Council in partnership with the Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce and Industry are providing incentives to support small businesses within the Kingaroy CBD to improve their façades. Funding is provided through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant Program – Community Connection Local Built.

Key objectives:

To support local businesses to improve façades that:

- stimulate investment in private businesses
- increase street appeal for residents and tourists
- increase accessibility in retail premises
- increase opportunities for pedestrians to stay longer in CBD areas

Funding:

A total pool of \$180,000 is available across two rounds. A minimum grant amount is \$500 with a maximum grant of \$3,000 with a 50% co-contribution required.

Please note that if funding is exhausted in the first round, round two will not be opened.

Key Dates

Funding Round	Application Open	Applications Close	Outcome Advised	Project delivery timeframe
Round 1	17 October 2022	21 November 2022	14 December 2022*	15 December 2022– 15 June 2023
Round 2**	23 January 2023	6 March 2023	29 March 2023*	30 March 2023 – 30 November 2023

* Subject to Council and KCCI meeting dates

** Subject to available funding



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Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply:

- A property owner or tenant holding the owner's consent
- Located in the eligible area
- Have a business registration number (ABN)
- Adhere to all relevant legislation and local laws and hold all necessary building and planning approvals as required to complete the project.
- Must not have an outstanding debt with South Burnett Regional Council
- Have a minimum \$20M Public Liability Insurance
- Business located in the prescribed area as outlined in the maps below

Ineligible Applicants

- Businesses located outside the prescribed areas
- Local, state or federal government agencies and/or entities
- Educational institutions, kindergartens and pre-school/childcare centres
- Parents and Friends or Parents and Citizens Associations
- Religious organisations
- Fuel Stations
- Political organisations
- Businesses that hold a gaming machine licence

What is a Façade?

A Façade is the principal front of a building that faces onto a street or open space.



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Eligible projects

Improvements to frontages to interact that may include but not limited to:

- Lighting
- Exterior walls
- Windows and doors
- Storefronts
- Entranceways
- Awnings/canopies
- Signage
- Exterior architectural features
- Exterior Façade painting
- Reinstatement of historical features of the building
- Increase accessibility to shop fronts

Ineligible projects

- Ongoing operational administration costs of the applicant e.g., staff expenses, administration costs.
- Relocation of businesses
- Purchase of buildings
- Internal shop fit-out
- Remission of rates
- The purchase of equipment which is not specifically required to complete the project
- Payment of Council building and planning fees

How to apply

- Applicants can speak to Council's Community Development team or an Executive delegate of KCCI.
- Applicants are encouraged to attend a grants information night
- Application must be made via Council's website <insert website>
- No late, written, incomplete applications will be accepted



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Assessment

Assessment Criteria	Evidence by
Meeting the program objectives	Providing information and support material that links the project to the program and category objectives
Business benefit	Concept plan, building approval, planning approval
Project management capability	Sound budget Project plan
Assessment consideration	
High priority	Projects that increase the aesthetics of the CBD areas Projects that increase accessibility to retail shop fronts Projects that are part of a syndicate of properties that adjoin to maximise street improvement.
Low priority	Projects that are consider routine maintenance
Other considerations	Council planning and development impacts

Assessment process

Eligibility check:

All applications are checked against eligibility criteria to ensure the applicant, project, amount requested, and timeframes are eligible.

Assessment:

Eligible applications are assessed against the assessment criteria by a panel comprised of KCCI management committee and Council. Panel members participate in a moderation meeting to review the assessments and determine grant recommendations.

Endorsement:

Panel recommendations are provided to KCCI management for consideration and approval.

Notification of outcome

- Applicants are advised by email of the outcome of their application.
- Unsuccessful applicants are invited to seek feedback about their application by contacting the KCCI committee member listed in the email.

Funding agreement, payment and acquittal

- Successful applicants must claim the grant funds and enter into a Funding Agreement with KCCI within 20 days of notification of outcome.
- Grant recipients must complete an online acquittal within four weeks of the project



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Façade Improvement Program

Purpose:	To support and encourage investment by business the façade within CBD areas
Amount & co-contributions	Maximum grant \$3,000 grant 50% co-contribution
Priorities (address at least one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that increase the aesthetics of the CBD areas • Projects that increase accessibility to retail shop fronts
Support material	Consent from landlord Concept plan Building or planning approvals (as required)
Project examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install/replace signage to façade • Install accessible entrance • Install new windows • Paint Façade or external walls • Remove security shutters and replace with glass or security glazing • Refurbish historic/heritage features of the façade
Additional information for this category	Note: Ineligible expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and Planning Fees • Internal shop-fit out • Purchase of equipment that is not integral to the delivery of the project
Defined area (inclusive of street numbers)	138-208 Haly Street, 135-203 Haly Street 114 Kingaroy Street 115-117 Kingaroy Street 119-125 Kingaroy Street 135-141 Kingaroy Street 153-155 Kingaroy Street 157-163 Kingaroy Street 175-219 Kingaroy Street 178-214 Kingaroy Steet 16-36 Alford Street 13 Alford Street 15-27 Alford Street

