



## South Burnett Regional Council's Façade Improvement Grants Program

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### About the grant program:

South Burnett Regional Council in partnership the regions Chamber of Commerce and Business Development Associations are providing incentives to support small businesses within the CBD's of Blackbutt Murgon, Nanango, Wondai 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 \$120,000 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
<b>Round 1</b>	17 October 2022	21 November 2022	14 December 2022*	15 December 2022– 15 June 2023
<b>Round 2**</b>	23 January 2023	6 March 2023	29 March 2023*	30 March 2023 – 30 November 2023

\* Subject to Council 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
- Medical organisations or primary health care providers
- 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.

### 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



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### 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

- Application must be made via Council's website <insert website>
- Applicants are encouraged to attend a grants information night
- Applicants can speak to Council's Community Development team for further support
- No late, written, incomplete applications will be accepted

### 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



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**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 comprising of a member of the local business association and Council staff. Panel members participate in a moderation meeting to review the assessments and determine grant recommendations.

**Endorsement:**

Panel recommendations are provided to General Manager of Liveability for 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 Council Officer listed in the email.

**Funding agreement, payment and acquittal**

- Successful applicants must claim the grant funds and enter into a Funding Agreement with Council 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"> <li>• Projects that increase the aesthetics of the CBD areas</li> <li>• Projects that increase accessibility to retail shop fronts</li> </ul>
Support material	Consent from landlord Concept plan Building or planning approvals (as required)
Project examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install/replace signage to façade</li> <li>• Install accessible entrance</li> <li>• Install new windows</li> <li>• Paint Façade or external walls</li> <li>• Remove security shutters and replace with glass or security glazing</li> <li>• Refurbish historic/heritage features of the façade</li> </ul>
Additional information for this category	Note: Ineligible expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building and Planning Fees</li> <li>• Internal shop-fit out</li> <li>• Purchase of equipment that is not integral to the delivery of the project</li> </ul>
Defined area (inclusive of street numbers) <b>Blackbutt</b>	37-91 Coulson Street 26-80 Coulson Street
<b>Murgon</b>	65-133 Lamb Street 62-130 Lamb Street
<b>Nanango</b>	54-108 Drayton Street 45-89 Drayton Street 43-55 Fitzroy Street 28-31 Fitzroy Street 31-35 Henry Street
<b>Wondai</b>	13-25 Scott Street 12-22 Scott Street 29,31,35,41,47,49,55,59,61,63,73,75,81 Haly Street 18,20,26,32,40,42,48,50,52,62,66,70,76 Mackenzie Street



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**Blackbutt Defined Area**





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**Murgon Defined Area**





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**Nanango Defined Area**







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**Wondai Defined Area**

