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GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE TO BUSINESSES IN REDEVELOPMENT AREA

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (3/28/08) – The City of Temple Terrace is implementing a *Commercial Façade Grant Program* to help businesses cover the cost of storefront improvements in the community's redevelopment district.

The City has \$50,000 in funding available this year to implement the program, which will assist business owners in their efforts to restore, repair and improve the appearance of their buildings. City officials say the program might help as many as 10 to 15 businesses this year.

Any business in the City's 225-acre redevelopment area is eligible to apply. Eligible improvements include façade reconstruction, painting, landscaping, improved exterior lighting, wall repair, installation of awnings and more. There is no cost to apply.

Under the program, the City will reimburse a business 50 percent of the cost for improvements totaling \$10,000 or less, or a maximum of \$5,000 for projects greater than \$10,000. Restrictions apply. General maintenance and repairs, for example, are not eligible.

This is the first time the City has offered such a grant program, and officials are encouraging business owners to take advantage of it, said Temple Terrace Redevelopment Director Ralph Bosek.

"It's the City's desire to help all businesses in the area improve," he said. "Façade-improvement programs have proved very successful in Florida and around the country. This is a great opportunity for businesses in our community."

Business owners should apply by June, 2008 to take advantage of funding available this fiscal year. For complete details, restrictions, eligibility requirements and an application form, contact the Temple Terrace Redevelopment Department at (813) 989-7130 or e-mail Lisa Cosky at lcosky@templeterrace.com.

Complete information, and an application form, also may be downloaded from the City's website at www.templeterrace.com.

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