

# City of Columbia launches Façade Improvement Program on Two Notch Road

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**COLUMBIA, SC (WACH)** - The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities (OBO) is launching the Two Notch Road Façade Improvement Program (FIP).



"Beltline and Two Notch are the corridors next in the FIP," Councilman Brian Newman says.

This is a five-year forgivable loan opportunity with funding up to \$20,000.

The applicant pays 20% and the City pays the remaining 80%. Commercial/retail property owners, and their tenants are eligible to apply. Forgivable grants are also available for improvements costing under \$2,000.

The loans are financed through a 3-year-term, and interior improvements are not eligible. A third of the loan is forgiven each year.

The grant is financed through a 2-year term, interior improvements are not eligible, and no match is required.

Mayor Steve Benjamin says this program has helped dozens of businesses.

Eligible improvements are awnings, lighting, carpentry and masonry repair, paint, doors & windows, iron bar removal/disposal, landscaping (trees only), security camera monitoring system, fencing, signage, roofing, and paint.

Gerry Lynn Hall from the Office of Business Opportunities (City of Columbia) says, "It might have been damp yesterday, but nothing can put a damper on this program."

Hall says the city launched the FIP in other locations to help and promote marketability of neighborhoods, and has the same intentions for the Two Notch/Beltline corridors.

For more information on which buildings and locations are eligible contact Gerry Lynn Hall at (803) 545-3381 or [glhall@columbiasc.net](mailto:glhall@columbiasc.net).