



Purpose:

The City of Orlando's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) encourages downtown businesses and properties to improve safety measures to promote a vibrant and safe downtown community.

The Safety Awareness for Everyone (S.A.F.E.) Program creates an incentive for businesses and properties to purchase and install security measures that are intended to help deter crime and provide a safe environment for business owners, employees, and visitors. Security measures give locals and tourists alike an added sense of safety. Encouraging downtown properties to improve safety measures is beneficial to citizens and attract more people to downtown Orlando.

Grant Structure and Criteria for Selection:

The CRA oversees the S.A.F.E. Program. Entertainment businesses including but not limited to bars, nightclubs, and entertainment venues located within the CRA are eligible for funding to purchase and install security measures which include identification scanners, security cameras, and metal detection systems. Other properties located within the CRA are eligible for funding to purchase and install security cameras only. Applications received between January 23, 2023 and May 1, 2023 which meet the Program criteria will be eligible for CRA funding of up to \$20,000 or 80% of the total cost of eligible products, whichever is less. Otherwise, applications meeting the Program criteria will be eligible for funding of up to \$10,000 or 80% of the total cost of eligible products, whichever is less.

Funding is based on budget availability and will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis. The filing of an application does not guarantee to fund. However, no grants will be awarded retroactively, which means that funding will not be awarded for eligible products purchased before the application date.

Applications will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with program criteria. Projects that do not comply with the program criteria and conditions will not be eligible for funding. An authorized corporate officer or partner(s) of the applicant's business must sign the application, in addition to the property owner(s), if the applicant is the tenant.

In order to ensure that funds are available, eligible products must be purchased within one (1) year of the effective date of the funding agreement. Extensions may be granted by the Executive Director of the CRA given just cause by the applicant (e.g., contractor delays, acts of God, etc.). All grant funds shall be issued to the grantee on a reimbursement basis only. Additionally, applicant should note that city permits may be required.

Grant Application Criteria:

Applications for grants shall meet the criteria outlined below:

1. Properties/businesses must be located within the downtown CRA (see program map on page 4).
2. S.A.F.E. Program grants shall only be awarded for properties that contribute to the CRA through the payment of ad valorem taxes.
3. All proposed improvements must meet the requirements of the Appearance Review Board (ARB) or, if a landmark property or located within a historic preservation district, the Historic Preservation Board (HPB), if applicable, as well as all other City Code requirements. Equipment shall be installed in a manner that does not damage the building or cover architectural features and that no exposed conduit is visible.

4. Grantees seeking funding to purchase security cameras must register (level 1) and integrate (level 2) such cameras with the Orlando Police Department via the Orlando Connect portal through the purchase of a FUSUS Core.
5. All grantees must register (level 1) existing security cameras with the Orlando Police Department via the Orlando Connect portal.

Eligible Products:

The following products are eligible for funding under the S.A.F.E. Program. Applicants are eligible to apply for up to four (4) identification scanners per business tax receipt, four (4) identification scanners subscription services for two (2) years, four (4) metal detection devices per business tax receipt, and/or one (1) fususCORE, and up to eight (8) security cameras per property or business tax receipt.

1. Identification Scanners

The ID scanners must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be able to scan the front and back of government-issued identification cards and passports
- b. Must be able to detect false ID's, underage persons, and double scans
- c. Must be used for each person entering the venue upon each visit and shall have a live photo captured
- d. Must have the capability to share information between similar identification scanners via a maintained, secure flag database
- e. Must be operational for no less than two (2) years from receipt of funds

2. Metal Detection Systems

The metal detection systems must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must utilize metal detector wands or walk-through metal detectors
- b. Must be able to detect ferrous, non-ferrous and stainless-steel weapons, contraband, and other metallic objects such as but not limited to:
 - i. Guns
 - ii. Ammunition
 - iii. Knives
 - iv. Box Cutters
 - v. Razor Blades
- c. Wands must be compliant with the National Institute of Justice Standard - 0602.02 "Hand-Held Metal Detectors for Use in Concealed Weapon and Contraband Detection."
- d. Must be operational for no less than two (2) years from receipt of funds

3. Security Cameras

The security cameras must meet the following requirements:

- a. Must be compatible with Fusus, LLC Products
- b. Must be installed in conjunction with FususCORE™
- c. Must be weatherproof cameras if installed outside
- d. Must be installed and oriented towards a public right-of-way to provide adequate views of the public space.
- e. Grantees must register (level 1) and integrate (level 2) such cameras with the Orlando Police Department via the Orlando Connect portal through the purchase of a FUSUS Core.
- f. Must be operational for no less than two (2) years from receipt of funds

Procedures:

The procedures for project review are as follows:

1. Pre-Application Meeting

The applicant is required to meet with the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator who will review the applicant's plans per the program requirements to determine eligibility. The Coordinator will provide the applicant with general guidance as to whether the proposed project is likely to qualify for program funding and whether the applicant is sufficiently prepared to move forward to submit the application.

If application appears ready to move forward, the Coordinator will instruct the applicant to submit the application for consideration.

2. Grant Application Submission

The grant application and all attachments may be submitted to the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator for formal consideration of funding.

3. Review Grant Application

Once an eligible application and the supporting documents are received, the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator will then conduct the mandatory criminal background check and assess the application with regard to all program requirements. In order to be eligible for funding through the S.A.F.E. Program, applicants must not have any of the following: a felony conviction or nolo contendere within the past five (5) years; a felony conviction or nolo contendere for financial/economic crimes within the past ten (10) years; or a felony conviction or nolo contendere for violent or heinous crimes (i.e. murder, sexual battery, sexual assault, armed robbery or burglary, carjacking, home-invasion, kidnapping, arson, crimes against children, etc.) at any time in their complete history. If the background check reveals any of the above, the applicant will be rendered ineligible for the program. If the applicant is a corporate entity, the president, director(s), manager(s), or, in the case of a partnership, all partners shall submit to a criminal background check.

Construction Approval:

On completion of installation and/or purchase of safety measure products, grantees shall submit proof of completion and arrange for an on-site inspection by the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator to assure that the terms of the funding agreement have been honored. Discrepancies will be noted and a time frame for their correction will be established as necessary. Upon final approval by the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator, the grantee will submit a request for reimbursement to the CRA, along with receipts for payment, lien releases by the contractor(s), if applicable, and photographs of the completed work, based on the funding agreement. Reimbursements will be made according to the city's and CRA's accounting procedures.

Any contractor selected to install improvements as part of this program must be licensed and insured. The CRA will not be responsible in any manner for the selection of a contractor or installation of any improvements. A property owner and/or tenant should pursue all activities necessary to determine contractor qualifications, quality of workmanship, and reputation. The property or business owner will bear full responsibility for reviewing the competence and abilities of prospective contractors and secure proof of their licensing and insurance coverage.

Disbursements:

Funds will be disbursed by check payable to the grantee (1) upon certification of completion and (2) upon verification by the S.A.F.E. Program Coordinator that the work was completed as proposed in a satisfactory and professional manner. Funds will not be disbursed on projects that are not in accordance with the approved plans. Before funds are disbursed, grantees must provide verification, satisfactory to the CRA, of all project costs including contractor invoicing, lien releases, and evidence of payment of all expenses, including match. All grant funds shall be issued to the grantee on a reimbursement basis only.

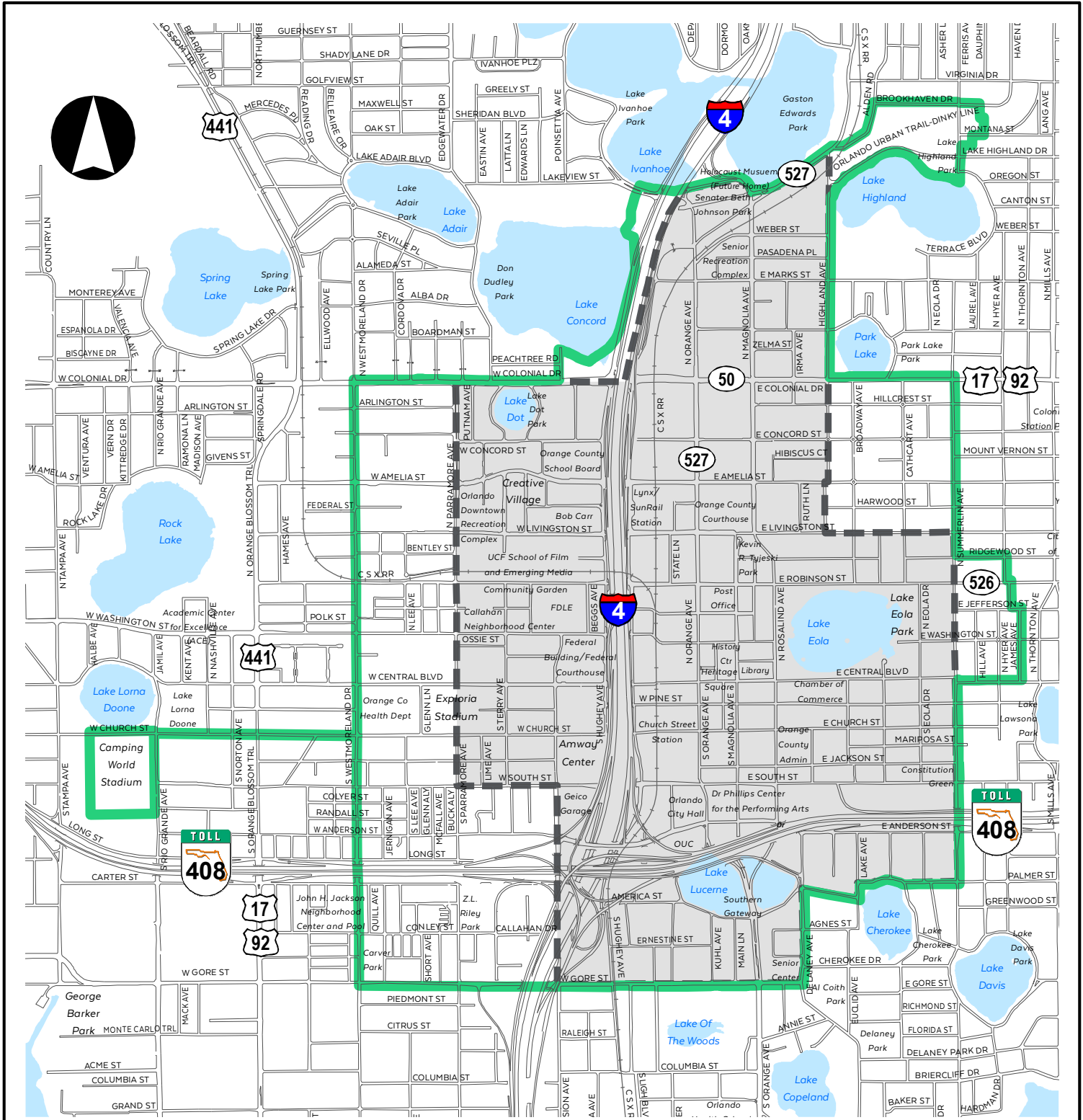
Available Funds:

The Executive Director of the CRA, by virtue of these guidelines, has the authority to deny or approve and sign funding agreements on behalf of the CRA in the amount of \$20,000 or less per agreement. The Executive Director, at his or her discretion, may present any and all funding agreements to the CRA for approval.

The CRA may, from time to time at its discretion, establish annual funding for the program.

Disclosure:

The CRA expressly reserves the right to reject any and all applications or to request additional information from any and all applicants and grantees. The CRA retains the right to deviate from the program guidelines, or amend the program guidelines, agreements, and application procedures. The CRA also retains the right to display and advertise properties that receive matching funds under this Grant. The CRA retains the right to deny any application based on availability of funds.



-  **Downtown Orlando**
-  **Community Redevelopment Area**
-  **Downtown Development Board Area**



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