

The intention of the South Thornton Attraction and Revitalization (STAR) grant is to assist small local business owners with financial support to locate their business within the South Thornton Development Authority (TDA) boundaries. Use of funds may include relocation costs, business improvement projects that increase the core function of the business and / or enhance the City of Thornton through city beautification, job creation / retention, increasing the local tax base, and/ or expanding services provided to the community.

Business Name	
Date Application Received	
Total Grant Amount Requested	
Cost of Total Project	
Type of Grant Requested:	
Exterior	Interior
Equipment	Signage
Marketing	

***The following scoring rubric is designed to meet the intention of the program and the City's goals and priorities as identified by City Council.

Priority Elements	Points
Project improves the exterior appearance of the business	3
Proposed improvement / equipment will result in increased revenue	3
Proposed improvement / equipment expands business and creates jobs	3
Improvement will address an emergency circumstance the business is experiencing	3
Business is locally owned and operated in the City of Thornton (owner resides in Colorado)	3
Business has a maximum of 1 to 5 employees	3
Additional Elements and Considerations	
Applicant is a first time applicant for the grant	2
Project improves the interior appearance or structure of the building	2
Business has a maximum of 6 - 15 employees	2
Business investment / cost of total project exceeds the City's investment / required match	2
Improvement will provide a unique operation or service to the community	2
Business has maximum of 16 - 25 employees	1
For exterior improvement projects only: business is located on a major street	1
Proposed project will improve energy efficiency of the business	1
Proposed project will improve water efficiency of the business	1
Project includes site improvements for non-motorists, such as sidewalks, bike facilities, or other amenities	1
Subjective Consideration by Business Commissioner	
Project meets city goals and overall intentions of the program	0-5
Proposal is well-planned, cost effective, and ready to implement; shows a clear vision for sustaining the project and resulting improvements	0-5
Tally Total Score (Max Score 40, Min Score 18)	

Reviewer Initials _____ Date Reviewed _____

Grant reviewers will use this rubric to ensure each project aligns with current city goals and the intent of the grant program. Staff will tally the average score from all reviewers' scoresheets to determine the final score for the applicant. It is important to note some businesses may not qualify and funds may be denied.