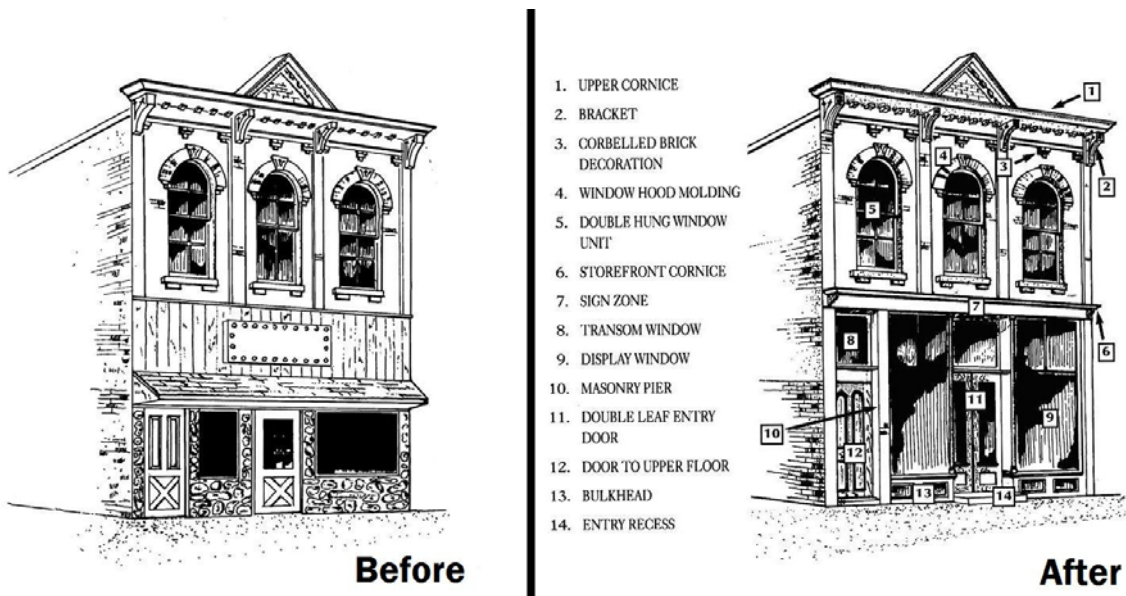


Historic Preservation Grants Available in Downtown Sedalia

Two grant programs funded through the Central Business and Cultural District are available to prospective property owners interested in restoring or renovating eligible downtown buildings. The purpose of these grants is to provide incentive for upgrading and enhancing the historic character of our National Commercial Historic District.

Façade Improvement Grant

Cash grants are available to reimburse downtown property owners up to \$7,500 or one-half on the costs of improvements to the front of their buildings (whichever is less). Some (but not all) examples of permissible uses for a façade grant are itemized in the illustration below. In many cases, the funds are targeted for the removal of wood, metal, or plastic sheathing or siding concealing the building's original materials...often on the second and/or third story.



Grant for Structural Engineer Inspection

To encourage building owners to employ a qualified structural engineer before beginning any renovation project, the façade grant program also provides for reimbursement up to \$2,500 for the engineer's inspection fee and report. The inspection must be completed *prior to the start* of any construction work.

NOTE: applicants who wish to utilize funds for both an engineer and for actual façade expenses are limited to a maximum \$7,500 grant. For example, \$2,500 for the engineer and \$5,000 for specified renovations.

For more information on either incentive and to begin your application process, contact the Sedalia Downtown Development, Inc. office at 660.827.7388.