



Storefront Resiliency Initiative

Program Description, Eligibility, and Frequently Asked Questions

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Launching in the summer of 2022, **Storefront Resiliency Initiative** will offer two grant programs to help downtown small businesses be more resilient and responsive to unexpected property damage.

1. The **Storefront Security Grant** provides **up to \$1,000** to small businesses to install security cameras and other safety measures at their storefronts.
2. The **Storefront Recovery Fund** is an emergency fund that will distribute **up to \$2,000** to help businesses cover the cost of their insurance deductible for repairs following property damage.

Small businesses are invited to apply for one or both grants. Grants will be awarded to eligible businesses on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds are depleted.

For more information on Centro's support for downtown San Antonio's small businesses, please visit <https://centrosanantonio.org/main-street-businesses/>



Thank you to our partners at LISC San Antonio, who have generously contributed to this grant opportunity. You can learn more about LISC and their impact in San Antonio at <https://www.lisc.org/san-antonio/>

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive a Storefront Resiliency Grant, a business must:

- Operate a physical storefront within the Downtown San Antonio Public Improvement District (PID) – [click for an enlarged boundary map](#)

- PID-adjacent businesses are considered on a case-by-case basis
- Businesses must be actively operating for at least 6 months at the time of application
- Earn no more than \$1 million in annual revenue in 2021
- Employ no more than 35 full-time employees, as of most recent payroll or latest [IRS form 941](#)
- Be in good standing with the City of San Antonio and the State of Texas with respect to taxes, fees, licenses, or other financial/legal obligations
- Provide a current W9 to process payment ([click for a downloadable form](#))
- Have liability insurance that covers property damage (for Storefront Recovery Fund)
- Provide proof of security system installation and/or storefront repairs within 90 days of fund approval (for Storefront Security Grant)

All businesses are eligible except for these specifically excluded types:

- Pawnshops, gun shops, liquor stores, tattoo parlors, tobacco/tobacco-like related establishments, specified financial institutions (i.e., payday loans, see [San Antonio's UDC Section 35-A101](#)), sexually oriented businesses, and nonpermanent structures such as kiosks or food trucks.

Eligible Use of Funds

Storefront Security Grants:

Funds of up to **\$1,000** will be reimbursed to eligible applicants who have made physical changes to storefronts related to cameras, lighting, alarms, etc. that deter criminal activity and allow law enforcement to more effectively respond to public safety issues:

- Installation of security cameras, alarm system, motion detectors, and/or glass break detectors
- Installation or improvement of exterior lighting

- Application of signs indicating that passersby are being monitored
- This fund *does not* reimburse costs related to ongoing security system monitoring.
- Centro San Antonio *is not* responsible for installing or monitoring storefront security systems.

Centro San Antonio is working closely with the San Antonio Police Department's downtown bike patrol to keep downtown safe, prevent crime before it occurs, and respond effectively to detain and prosecute criminals. Business owners that receive a Storefront Security Grant must attest that they will:

1. Participate in a collaborative Site Security Visit with an SAPD officer to review your business' security plan and safety tactics
 - a. Centro San Antonio will help coordinate this site visit
2. Call SAPD when they notice criminal activity taking place on or near their businesses
3. Provide SAPD with security footage related to the incident
4. If requested, follow up with law enforcement (such as SAPD, the DA's office, or Bexar County) to encourage prosecution following an arrest

There is a limit of one Storefront Security grant per business owner.

Storefront Recovery Fund:

Funds of up to **\$2,000** will be reimbursed to eligible applicants who have repaired and/or replaced storefront property that has been damaged by vandalism, burglary, extreme weather event, etc.:

- Glass replacement or repair for windows or doors
- Broken pipes and subsequent water damage
- Replacement of damaged or stolen inventory

The Storefront Recovery Fund is designed to offset the cost of your insurance deductible following damage, not to cover ongoing building maintenance, cosmetic updates, or planned renovations.

To be eligible for this program, businesses must:

- Have experienced property damage on or after January 1, 2022
- Have liability insurance that covers property damage
- Provide proof of property damage and subsequent repair/replacement
 - Valid proof includes dated police report, insurance quote, insurance statement, repair invoice or receipt, dated photographs of damage and completed repairs

Business owners are limited to requesting funds from our Storefront Recovery Fund to once every six months.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Centro San Antonio Storefront Resiliency Program?

Centro San Antonio is distributing two grants to downtown San Antonio small businesses to help them prevent and recover from property damage.

What is the goal of the program?

Our goal is to support physical changes to downtown small businesses that increase safety, security, and resiliency as well as helping these organizations recover from property damage.

When can I apply?

Applications opened on June 13, 2022 and will remain open until funds are depleted.

How does the application and reimbursement process work?

The streamlined application is simple and quick. You can submit your application [here](#).

Qualified applicants will be required to submit documentation related to their security upgrades or property damage repairs *within 90 days* of the grant approval date. Upon confirmation of completed installation or repair work, reimbursement will be provided via a check.

What security system do you recommend?

There is a wide variety of effective security cameras and alarm systems for small businesses. This program allows you to select the system that will work best for your team and your business.

As a starting point, we recommend the following systems:

1. Low-Cost, Entry-Level Systems (\$300-\$750)
 - a. [Ring](#)
 - b. [Simplisafe](#)
 - c. [Vivint](#)
2. Mid or High Tier Systems (\$750+)
 - a. [Avigilon](#)
 - b. [Bosch](#)
 - c. [Hanwha](#)
3. Flood Light Systems (\$50-\$250)
 - a. [Heath Zenith](#)
 - b. [Bionic Spotlight](#)
 - c. [Ring Spotlight Camera](#)
 - d. [Otdair Solar Security Lights](#)

We are more than happy to help you find the right system for your business and/or connect you to our partners at SAPD who can provide additional insight and feedback as well.

What if I have another question?

Please email our Main Street team at mainstreet@centrosa.org for additional inquiries.