

# Commercial Improvement Program Update

## Olivia's Mexican Restaurant



Located in the historic commercial core of the Arlington Village, the family-owned and operated Olivia's Mexican Restaurant has been serving delicious Mexican food since 1978. In order to make their building more attractive and inviting, the restaurant owners submitted an application for a Commercial Improvement (CIP) grant from the City's Redevelopment Agency.

With the help of the CIP, the owners were able to dramatically improve their exterior façade by painting the entire restaurant and installing new tile wainscot, lighting, cornice and a retractable awning (to be installed mid-January). Furthermore, a wrought iron fence was installed to create a new outdoor eating space along Magnolia Avenue.

The City of Riverside Redevelopment Agency is responsible for administering the CIP, which assists property and/or business owners with the costs of upgrading the exterior of commercial buildings located within the City's six Redevelopment Project Areas. Eligible recipients receive grant rebates up to 90% of the total project costs (up to \$25,000) and a \$3,000 grant for architectural conceptual design.

Eligible CIP improvements include, but are not limited to, building exterior treatments, wall finishes, new paint, window replacement, landscaping, lighting, signage, ADA improvements, awnings and demolition of vacant/obsolete buildings.

For more information regarding the CIP or to determine program eligibility, please contact:

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