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Dear Sir/Madam,

Grant for Improving Shop Fronts, High Streets in Powys

The Welsh Government Transforming Towns funding is currently available for towns across Mid Wales to fund various works in town centres to improve and secure the future of High Streets in our towns.

The Town Council has identified a section of the grant allocation for improving shop fronts via painting, replacement/repair of rotten windows, repair/repaint of doors etc. Welsh Government aim to improve obvious sections/groups of High Streets so a group application is likely to be more successful than individual applications. The grant does not just cover ground level but all storeys of a building.

If an individual business applies then a 45% grant of the total cost is claimable but the Town Council can apply for a group of properties and if this is done then a grant of 70% is payable. Businesses that are included in a joint application will need to include brief details on how they would fund their section of the costs for the works. It will be necessary to get quotes for any works to submit with an application.

The minimum level of eligible project costs that can be considered is £35,000 ex VAT (per application) in any one town and the maximum is £250,000. The amount of any grant offered will be assessed on an individual project basis and works will be considered for eligibility via an expression of interest form which this Council would complete.

The latest full application date is 26th April this year with the deadline for completion of any works being 31st December 2024 so time is of the essence. For more details on the grant, the eligibility criteria please visit <https://www.growinpowys.com/transforming-towns>

The Town Council would like to hear from anyone interested in applying for a grant and if there is sufficient interest will arrange a meeting for all interested parties to attend in order to discuss the way forward. The Grant Officer at the County Council is willing to attend to answer any questions.

There is also a commercial improvement grant which businesses can apply for direct and which aims to restore derelict/disused buildings.

Please get back to me by **20th February** if you would be interested in attending such a meeting and if so could you advise of any dates in the first half of March which you cannot manage.

Regards, Tracey Price, Clerk to the Council