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FROM: LaPorte Urban Enterprise Zone

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RE: 2010 Grant Program for Local Businesses

The LaPorte Urban Enterprise Zone (LPUEA) is now accepting applications for this year's business grant program. The business grant program will fund exterior improvements to eligible zone businesses through a matching grant up to \$2,500.00. Eligible rehabilitation activities include: doors, windows, signage, fencing, painting, tuck pointing, sidewalks, awnings, and landscaping. Roofing and roof repairs are not an eligible activity.

The Board of Directors has allocated \$17,500 for the business grant program. Funding is extremely limited and projects will be evaluated on job creation, number of EZ residents employed, structural/maintenance improvements vs. cosmetic improvements, location and overall project costs. All property taxes and zone contributions must be current.

Applications will be accepted until March 26, 2010 with grant awards announced by April 30, 2010. Applications are available on the city website, [www.cityoflaporte.com](http://www.cityoflaporte.com), under Business, then LPUEA or through the Office of Community Development and Planning. Any questions regarding the grants and applications can be directed to Laura Gropp, at 362-8260. Send completed applications to, LaPorte Urban Enterprise Association, 801 Michigan Avenue, LaPorte, IN 46350.