

REOPEN Long Beach

Storefront Reopening and Board-Up Removal Program (SRBR)

Program Guidelines July 2021



Program Overview:

As part of the Long Beach Recovery Act, the City Council approved the Storefront Reopening and Board-up Removal Program.

Although plywood board-ups are typically not allowed by the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) for extended periods of time, the City worked with business owners and property owners crippled by the economic recession to keep their buildings secure until resources were available to reopen for business and repair storefronts.

We will be accepting applications from July 28, 2021, to August 30, 2021. The SRBR program will assist applicants on a first-come-first-served basis for the removal of plywood boards only. Any applicants that may require additional storefront repairs in addition to plywood removal may require additional review and experience longer application processing times.

Assistance:

The City, through its contract with “on-call” property management consultants will conduct work related to the removal, haul away and disposal of window/storefront coverings (plywood). Work will be paid for by the City and contracted directly with the property management consultants. Estimated value of each grant is estimated between \$100 and \$600 (maximum) per location, subject to the size of storefront. Maximum pieces of plywood to be removed, 30 pieces.

Eligibility:

Business owners or property owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, State and local Health Orders, and/or civil unrest in 2020.

Business Owners:

- Property owners must have experienced financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, State and local Health Orders, and civil unrest;
- Must be a non-profit or for-profit business
- Must have an active Long Beach Business License;
- Must have 50 or fewer full-time employees within the City of Long Beach;
- The location of the property must be in the City of Long Beach;
- Must be in compliance with local Health Orders:



- Must not be permanently closed.

Property Owners:

- Property owners must have experienced financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, State and local Health Orders, and civil unrest;
- Must have a current vacancy;
- The property must be actively marketed for lease or sale;
- The location must be in the City of Long Beach;
- Must not have any code enforcement violations active/pending.

This grant does not provide for any repairs that the property may need in excess of board-up removal and disposal.

Application Process:

To apply for assistance through the Storefront Reopening and Board Up Removal Program (SRBR), please visit the [SRBR program website](#) or contact the BizCare Hotline (562) 570-4BIZ (4249). For more assistance, please email: realestatedivision@longbeach.gov.

As part of their contact with the BizCare Hotline, business owners will be able to obtain more information about a range of small business resources available through the City of Long Beach.

Applications and full guidelines about the program are available [online](#). Business owners and property owners need to apply to be eligible for assistance.

City staff will review applications, determine eligibility of applicants, and coordinate with business owners and property owners, to have the City's "on-call" property management consultants conduct work related to the removal, haul away and disposal of window/storefront coverings (plywood).

Disclaimers

The City is not responsible for damaged glazing, windows, and storefronts. All work by the City's "on-call" property management companies will be conducted in a professional manner. All work areas will be left clean and free of debris. Provision of this service by the City may result in tax liability on the part of business owners or property owners.