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Urban renewal grants shed new light on downtown

Thirteen grants are awarded to improve downtown lighting and safety

The Downtown Lighting Grant initiative awarded approximately \$30,000 in urban renewal grants to improve lighting, safety and comfort in the core of Eugene. Thirteen local grants will go toward the purchase and installation of lights on property and businesses facing Broadway between Lincoln and Pearl Streets, and facing Willamette between 6th and 11th Avenues.

Grant applications were submitted by downtown business and property owners in October and evaluated based on their potential to improve public safety and the pedestrian environment. The grants, ranging in amounts from \$1,400 to \$2,700, are being awarded to:

- Café Zenon,
- Cone Ball,
- Cowfish,
- The Davis Restaurant & Bar,
- Eugene Professional Building,
- Eugene Saturday Market,
- Harlequin Beads and Jewelry,
- McDonald Theatre,
- Lord Leebrick Theatre Company,
- Scan Design Furniture,
- Summit Bank,
- 30/40 E. Broadway, and
- 745/747/749 Willamette Street.

Downtown visitors can expect to see more interior lights that provide ambient light after dark and new exterior lighting for brighter, safer sidewalks. Eugene Water & Elective Board and the Eugene Police Department also collaborated in the effort to support the merchants and property owners downtown and promote positive activity. The Downtown Lighting grants are joining several other exciting developments that are combining to bring almost \$100 million of new development to downtown.

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