

URA 2021 Annual Report

After URA monies going to capital outlay (CIP) and Bond debt service, the URA only had several projects to fund. At Public Works request we funded 5 benches, garbage cans, and bike racks built by Clarke's Custom Iron, the maker of our previous street furniture. The only Façade Grant went to Tom Brurock's restoration of his facade at the old Penney's Building at 122 South 2nd Street. We also funded the summer flower baskets. Next year in discussion with the BID the URA will fund ½ of the cost. Thereafter, the BID will assume the entire cost. We have separated the Façade Grant/ Energy Efficiency Grants since we no longer provide the Energy Efficiency Program. We are working with the City Manager on possible revisions to the Grant language. We plan to announce the opening of the Façade Grant cycle at our January meeting. We also will reestablish the Artistic Utility/Box wrap program. Our 2022 budget will be approved at our January meeting. The URA finally has enough money to provide our services in a more sustainable fashion in the future . 2022 looks like an excellent year for reestablishing ourselves as an economic development engine for our Community.