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NEWS RELEASE

Bump-Out program rolls out in March with grants available for businesses

Durango, CO: The city of Durango, in partnership with the [Business Improvement District](#), is excited to announce the 2021 [Bump-Out program](#) in downtown Durango and a new grants program to support businesses' investment in their bump-outs. The first phase of bump-outs will be installed Monday, March 15.

"The Bump-Out program implemented by the city last year was highly successful. More than 80% of businesses supported bringing the program back in 2021," BID Executive Director Tim Walsworth said. "Improvements to the program this year will make the spaces safer, more visually appealing and accessible to everyone."

City staff, the business district and downtown businesses are using a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation to purchase concrete planters, bike racks, road markings and make other multimodal improvements.

"There is more than enough parking in downtown to accommodate the 40 or so spaces that we trade to obtain the bump-out space," Walsworth said. "I look forward to taking my family to enjoy a meal in a bump-out space soon."

Businesses may receive matching grants of up to \$3,000 for costs of construction, materials, ADA improvements, landscaping and other enhancements.

Alex Rugoff, business development and redevelopment coordinator for the city, said local businesses – particularly restaurants and retailers – have been hit especially hard by the pandemic.

"We heard from several businesses that the bump-outs were an important lifeline in 2020," he said. "We've also heard from residents and business owners about the need to make the bump-outs safer, more attractive and accessible. We look forward to building upon last year's success and having a strong local economic recovery."

Bump-Out application and design guidelines, and grant application are available at DurangoGov.org/BumpOuts

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