

AWARD GUIDELINES

Building Renovation Award:

1. Building must be in the DDA District.
2. Renovation must include a noticeable exterior improvement, which enhances the building's appearance, or a significant interior renovation, and contributes to the character and economic vitality of Downtown Casper. **Simple improvements, such as awnings, painting, paint removal, or window replacement won't be considered for awards.**
3. If additional renovation is completed at the same time, or within a five-year time frame, no additional award will be received unless that renovation is deemed to be significant by the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors (hereby referred to as DDA). Any upgrading or rearranging of space may not receive an award, and may not be based solely on furniture, carpet, paint or minor improvements.
4. Buildings eligible for this first recognition may have completed renovations in the 1990s provided that such renovation was significant or vacant structure was restored/reused.
5. Awards will be given to the property owner if that person was financially responsible for improvements. A tenant may be eligible for improvements if he/she paid and planned for the improvements. An award may be shared and or involve two separate small awards, where appropriate, and at the discretion of the DDA.
6. Depending on the size and the scope of the project, the DDA may select the size of the actual award. In cases where renovations were important but not overwhelmingly significant, a smaller award may be presented.
7. All nominations for awards must be reviewed and voted on by the DDA and at its discretion, any other party it deems appropriate.

Landscaping Award:

1. Landscaping improvements must be within the DDA District.
2. Where landscaping of planters and or grounds contributes to beauty & economic vitality of Downtown, a medium-sized award will be presented.
3. Landscaping must be significant, of permanent nature, maintained, appropriate, attractive
4. Yearly flower plantings or single tree plantings are not eligible for landscaping awards. (See below for flower planting awards.)
5. Property & business owners may receive separate recognitions for building/landscaping.
6. Continual awards will not be given for the same landscaping.
7. All nominations for awards must be reviewed and voted on by the DDA and at its discretion, any other party it deems appropriate.

Other awards that may be given:

Holiday decor awards – where lights or decorations are used to create a festive atmosphere in Downtown Casper. Holiday décor can be on buildings or featured in window displays. Simple lighting of windows is not eligible for awards.

Best flower planter awards – maximum of three to be given yearly – where flower plantings exhibit pride, attractiveness and are maintained throughout the summer season. Same owner may not receive the award more than two years in a row.

Business Expansion Awards

1. May be presented to DDA District businesses where the expansion is significant, of a permanent nature, involves renovation of space, attractive, and enhances the attraction of Downtown Casper to others. It is not based solely on the opening of a new or different business, adding new lines of merchandise or services performed, or numbers of employees hired, on the same or adjoining premises.

Other Categories

Awards for other categories may be presented as deemed appropriate by the DDA.

1. All nominations for awards must be reviewed and voted on by the DDA and at its discretion, any other party it deems appropriate. The board may hold a contest in which the community may be asked for vote for awards in any of these categories.

General

1. Awards will be presented at a time and manner fixed by the DDA.
2. Successive property or business owners can't receive awards for the same improvement.
3. Anyone wishing to challenge an award or question why an award wasn't presented for a particular property or improvement may in do so in writing.
4. The DDA will exercise fairness in deciding who should receive awards.
5. All properties and businesses within the DDA District are eligible for consideration.