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CPLDC DRI Programs Update (May-June 2026)

Chinatown Partnership LDC is pleased to share continued progress on our Downtown Revitalization Initiative programs: the **Building Upgrade Fund** and **Light Up Chinatown**.

Building Upgrade Fund is Live and Accepting Applications

The Building Upgrade Fund reached an important milestone in May and June with the launch of the program website and application materials.

The [Building Upgrade Fund application is now LIVE](#), and eligible property owners and commercial tenants are encouraged to review the program guidelines and begin preparing their applications. The website includes key information about eligibility, available funding, required documents, application steps, and program priorities.

This launch represents a major step forward in making DRI funding accessible to Chinatown property owners and businesses seeking to improve building conditions, storefronts, accessibility, and overall neighborhood vitality. CPLDC will continue working with our project partners and Community Advisory Board members to support outreach, answer questions, and ensure that interested applicants understand the application process.

Community members, property owners, tenants, and local stakeholders are encouraged to visit the Building Upgrade Fund website, review the application requirements, and share the opportunity with eligible applicants.

Light Up Chinatown

The Light Up Chinatown Design and Engineering Request for Proposals process continued to move forward during May and June.

Following the close of the RFP submission period, original Light Up Chinatown team, CPLDC, and Public Works Partners began the proposal review and scoring process. The review team evaluated submissions based on qualifications, project approach, experience, understanding of Chinatown's streetscape and community context, and ability to support the goals of the Light Up Chinatown initiative.

In June, the project team also advanced to the interview stage with selected Design and Engineering candidates. These interviews provided an opportunity to better understand each team's design vision, technical capacity, project management approach, and experience working on public realm, lighting, and streetscape projects.

CPLDC is currently working through the final steps of the selection and contracting process. We will publicly announce the selected Design and Engineering team once a contract has been successfully signed.

Looking Ahead

In the coming weeks, CPLDC will focus on promoting the Building Upgrade Fund application, supporting potential applicants, and continuing community outreach to ensure broad awareness of the program.

For Light Up Chinatown, the next major step will be finalizing the Design and Engineering contract. Once the contract is executed, we will share the selected team publicly and begin the next phase of project development involving public outreach and the creation of a "toolbox of lighting improvements" that can be implemented within the neighborhood.

We are grateful to our Community Advisory Board members, project partners, volunteers, and community stakeholders for their continued support and guidance. These DRI investments represent an important opportunity to strengthen Chinatown's built environment, support local businesses, and enhance the neighborhood's public realm for residents, workers, and visitors.

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