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CRA facade grant used for mural

The Pantry in Boynton Beach to have beach-scene mural

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A public artwork mural installation is happening in Boynton Beach.

Gloria Bowden, owner of The Pantry at 206 S. Federal Highway, is improving her business through the Community Redevelopment Agency's facade grant program.

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The improvement is a public art mural painted by Dana Donaty, an artist who serves on the Delray Beach Public Art Review Board.

Debby Coles-Dobay, the city's public art administrator, said the mural depicts a small, retro-style building framing the taco service window in bright Key West colors and a tiki hut that frames The Pantry entrance, all encompassed in a beach-scene setting.

To complete the scene, the driveway is lined with nautical roped pylons with coconut palms planted in between.

Coles-Dobay said many of the customers are pleased with the improvement and love the artwork.

Mike Simon, head of development with the CRA, said the grant program can be applied for through their Web site, www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

"It is basically a matching grant up to \$15,000. We reimburse the owner up to half of what they spent to get the facade completed," he said.

Kathy Biscuiti, special events director for the city and the CRA, likes the grant program.

"I know that Gloria had seen the work Dana did in Delray, and that is why she contacted her to do this," she said. "What a wonderful idea."