

Project Guidelines

The purpose of the Façade Grant Program is to restore, improve or create historic architectural features to facades of commercial buildings anywhere within the Hinesville Downtown Development Authority, HDDA, boundary area. This program also strives to improve the curb appeal within the HDDA boundary and make it more inviting to conduct business in Downtown Hinesville.

1. Where practical, all building Façades shall be restored to their original period design. If it is deemed not practical by the HDDA Review Board, then a similar architectural design shall be used. All horizontal and vertical features shall be retained.
2. If a building does not have a historically significant architectural design or feature, then a proposed compatible design may be submitted to qualify for the program.
3. All storefronts shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to complement the architectural features of the building. All accessories, signs, and awnings shall likewise harmonize with the overall character of the building.
4. All color schemes shall accent the building as well as harmonize with adjacent buildings. When painting, all color choices must be approved. Historical murals will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Your current signage will need to compliment your new décor or you will need to also replace your sign. New signage is an approved use of grant funds, provided the signage is attached to the building. Please submit a picture of your current sign if you wish to keep it or design a new sign if you are changing it.
5. Funds shall be allocated on a first-come basis. Property owners may apply or tenants may qualify to apply for funds upon receipt of written consent of the owner of the building.
6. All grant funds awarded require a dollar-for-dollar match expenditure by the owner/tenant. Matching funds may be awarded for up to \$3,500.
7. No work for which a grant is sought shall begin until authorized by the HDDA.
8. No grant monies or matching monies shall be used to perform general repair, structural, or habitable work or otherwise to meet the code to occupy the building.
9. No grants will be made to government-owned properties or tenants in government-owned properties.
10. Limit one award per calendar year, per building.

Project Procedures

1. Fill out the application and checklist; submit them to the HDDA with the requested supporting data by the 15th of the month.
2. The HDDA Director will review the project and submit the package to the HDDA Board of Directors for consideration.
3. Once the Board has approved the project, a written notice will be delivered and work can begin. Material and labor invested in portions of work initiated before receiving approval will not be eligible to receive grant funds.
4. Grantee is responsible for obtaining any permits required to do the project. The cost of permitting cannot be part of grant funding.
5. When the project is complete the HDDA will reimburse the grantee for the following:
 - a. Disbursement for 50% of the pre-approved costs and scope of work will be reimbursed in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.
6. The grantee must submit proof-of-payment (paid-in-full statement from contractor, canceled checks, credit card statement, etc.) and photographs of the completed project as a means of requesting disbursement of funds. The HDDA Director may also require a project site visit to be conducted before processing disbursement. If the grantee decides to change the project after approval they must contact the HDDA office. Any unapproved changes will void the grant. Failure to comply with City of Hinesville policy, regulations, and guidelines may cause forfeiture of grant funds at the discretion of the HDDA board.
7. The HDDA reserves the right to grant additional money to targeted projects that they believe will have a significant impact on the area.
8. Staff will be available to offer any assistance needed and may seek outside guidance on any project being considered for the grant program.

MISSION

The Hinesville Downtown Development Authority's mission is to create a sustainable, revitalized, and vibrant downtown that is an economic hub while enhancing the quality of life for the community.

VISION

Our vision is to create a community proud of its small-town charm with big-city amenities; progress and preservation work together to create an attractive livable city center and a thriving, diverse marketplace where all are welcome to gather and celebrate our unique heritage and patriotism.



Façade Matching Grant

Hinesville Downtown Development Authority sponsors a local matching grant program for façade improvements of commercial buildings within the Hinesville Downtown Redevelopment District. The façade grant reimburses 50% of pre-approved project costs, not to exceed the \$3,500 award amount.



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