

City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation

Downtown Façade Grant Program

Preserving Our Heritage

The historical, cultural, and aesthetic heritage of the City of Dawsonville is among its most valued and important assets. The preservation of this heritage is essential to the promotion of the health, prosperity, and general welfare of its people.

Maximum Award Structure

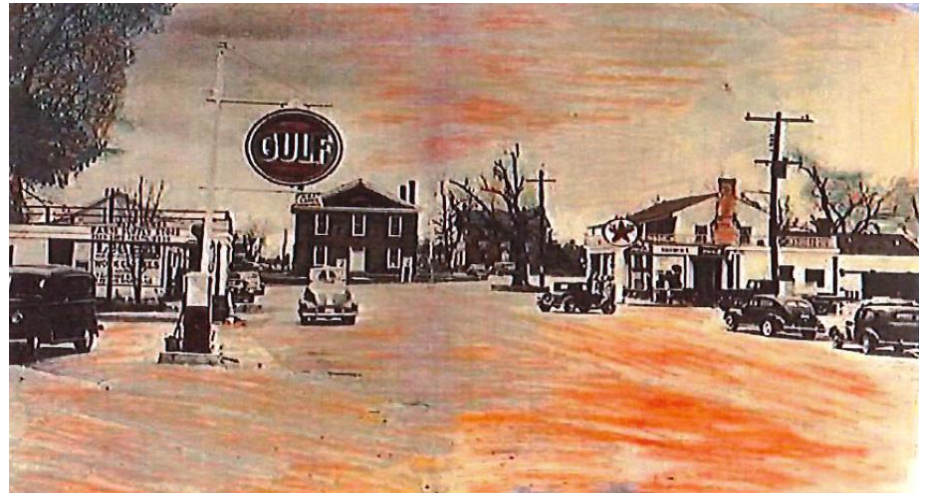
- ❖ Façade Retrofit - \$1,200
- ❖ Painting - \$1,000
- ❖ Awnings - \$500
- ❖ Signs - \$500

*Bonus \$300.00

All colors and designs must be approved by the City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission before work begins to be eligible to receive funding.

*Your project qualifies for a bonus if one of the following is met:

- ❖ Removal of an identified non-conforming feature
- ❖ Restoration of a documented historic feature
- ❖ Preservation of a storefront
- ❖ Work on a previously un-renovated building



Historic Downtown Dawsonville

The Downtown Façade Grant Program is intended to stimulate investment into the revitalization and preservation of Dawsonville's Historic Downtown area to help that very health, prosperity, and welfare of our citizens.

Application Guidelines

Reimbursement

This is reimbursement grant only and the amount may never exceed 50% of the total project. Upon completion of the project and based on the amount awarded and the paid receipts submitted, reimbursement will be made within ten (10) business days.

Grants Caps

See Award Structure (page 1) for grant caps. The maximum dollar amount can only be awarded to the same property every three (3) years. Multiple projects by the same applicant, on the same application, will be considered for the \$1,500 maximum, including bonus*.

Eligibility

Property owners, as well as business owners, are eligible to participate. Government entities, national franchises, and non-profits are not eligible. Projects not eligible are those where work has already started, general maintenance (other than painting), and interior, or landscape improvements.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis as funds permit.

Consideration is given to the participant's matching funds, as well as implementation of the program's downtown design objectives.

Contact Information

City of Dawsonville

Planning and Zoning Department

415 Hwy 53 East, STE 100

Dawsonville, GA 30534

706.203.4923

www.dawsonville-ga.gov

Elevations

Façade means the front street elevation of the building. However, as funds permit, the City of Dawsonville may consider use of funds for additional public elevations. For example, a corner building which fronts two (2) public streets.

Maintenance

If improvements are removed or not maintained, or any other violations occurs within three (3) years of project completion, the City of Dawsonville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) may seek reimbursement for the full amount of Façade Grant funds paid to the participant.

Application Photos

Must submit at least five (5) "Before Project" photos with the knowledge that the applicant is giving the City of Dawsonville permission to use photos in grant reviews, presentations, websites, and any other projects that the city deems necessary. The photos should also be submitted before funds are awarded in the same manner.

Project Budget

A budget must be included and itemized with two (2) different quotes. The quotes must be on contractor letterhead and clearly marked, especially if additional work is being quoted for the interior or elevations other than the façade.

Permits

All projects must separately obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HPC and/or any other required permits from the City of Dawsonville. For questions regarding permits, historic boundaries, or any other general questions, please contact the City of Dawsonville's Planning Department at 706.203.4923.

Open Enrollment Period

Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis in April and September of each calendar year, as funds allow. Applications will be collected until the last day of the month, in the identified open enrollment period. Award presentation will occur at the next month's regularly scheduled HPC meeting. For example, the Spring application period will be the month of April. Applications will be accepted through the last day of April and the HPC will award the applicant(s) at the May HPC meeting.

Award notification will occur by phone or email Grants are awarded on a competitive basis as funds permit.

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1) Eligibility (check one below)

- Property Owner
- Business Owner

Applicant Name: _____

Business Name: _____

If not the property owner, property owner signature below:

Contact Information:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

2) Property Location

Street Address: _____

Office Use Only – Prior Grant Site – Date of Award: _____

3) Historic District COA / Permits

Date of COA Approval: _____

Date of other necessary permit approvals: _____

- No COA/Permits necessary

Do not forget to take “after photos” and submit them to City Hall in the same formats as allowed in section 4 of the application.

This is a reimbursement grant only.

4) Before Photographs

_____ (Applicant Initial) I understand and acknowledge that photographs are submitted for grant review, reports, presentations, and website use.

- Attach at least five (5) photographs (prints – color 4x6’s), or
- Send high quality digital photographs (jpeg, tiff, gif) to stacy.harris@dawsonville-ga.gov

5) Project Budget

Total Project Cost: _____

Façade – Only Expenses: _____

- Include two (2) quotes for all projects
- Quotes are on contractor letterhead, clearly marking and separating work for elevations other than the façade and interior improvements.

****No grant award can exceed 50% of the eligible project costs.***

6) Project Details

Please give details of the scope of the project and if it qualifies for a grant bonus (see page 1 for details): _____

(Use additional sheets if necessary)