



Downtown Lavonia Façade Grant Program and Application

2025 FOCUS: PERMANENT SIGNAGE

A Grant Program Administered by the Downtown Development Authority through the Lavonia 21st Century, Inc., a nonprofit corporation for historic preservation.

Program Logistics and Eligibility:

The Downtown Lavonia Façade Grant Program is designed to support improvements to the exterior appearance of buildings within the Lavonia Historic District, helping enhance the overall character, vibrancy, and economic vitality of Downtown Lavonia.

Eligibility:

- Business must be located in the downtown area.
- Open to locally owned businesses (not franchises or chains).
- Previous grantees are welcome to participate.

Grant Funding Details:

- The program offers a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to **\$1,000**.
- Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to:
 - Exterior paint
 - Awnings
 - Signs and signage improvements
 - Entryways and doors
 - Display windows
 - Exterior lighting
 - Brick and mortar façade rehabilitation
 - Other permanent exterior improvements
- Grant funds may not be used for interior work or temporary improvements.

Requirements for Application and Approval:

- Completed Façade Grant application.
- Professional cost estimate or invoice for completed work, specifying materials used and labor rates.
- All projects must comply with the **City of Lavonia Historic Guidelines**.
- A completed **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** is required for all projects.
- The COA will be reviewed by the **Lavonia Historic Commission**, which meets on the **first Wednesday of each month**.

Grant Process:

- All grant monies will be paid upon completion of the individual projects.
- Approved projects must meet the highest standards of quality and align with the vision for Downtown Lavonia.

Contact Information:

For questions or to submit your application, contact the Lavonia Downtown Development Authority:
706-356-1926 dda@lavoniaga.gov

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Downtown Lavonia Façade Grant Application
Applicant Information

Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Address of Project: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Applicant's Relationship to Property/Project

_____ Own _____ Rent _____ Other

If you do not own this property include:

Name of Property Owner: _____

Owner's Address: _____

Owner's Telephone Number: _____

Project Description:

Beginning Date: _____

Completion Date: _____

Description of Project

Financial Information

Estimated Project Cost \$ _____

Please attach a detailed budget summary/professional cost estimate or completed invoices from the project. Amount Applied For \$ _____ (*Match amount up to \$1000*)

Submit Application to:
Lavonia Downtown Development Authority
1269 East Main Street
Lavonia, Georgia 30553

Application Check List:

- ☐ **Application is Complete**
- ☐ **COA Application is attached**
- ☐ **Cost or Invoices Attached**
- ☐ **Historical Preservation Commission Approval**
- ☐ **City Sign Permit Completed**

_____ **Signature Date**

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Received Date: _____ Received By: _____ HPC Meeting
Date: _____ HPC Recommendation: _____ DDA Board Meeting Date:
_____ Application Approval: YES _____ NO _____ If no, reason for denial of application:
_____ DDA Authorized Signature:
