



## **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](mailto:dda@lavoniaga.gov)

## **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**

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#### **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: \_\_\_\_\_