



## **Downtown Development Authority** **Façade Grant Application**

The Downtown Development Authority of Guyton, Georgia Façade Grant Program is structured as a matching grant program where business and property owners may be awarded up to \$1,000 for eligible projects. The purpose of this program is to stimulate downtown revitalization, redevelopment, and economic development in the City of Guyton. Program funds are an incentive for current owners and potential buyers of vacant and occupied buildings to restore, renovate, and repair the exteriors of their building. Commercial and local business owners willing to renovate and/or improve the street front exteriors of their structures, exterior painting, signage, structure stabilization, awnings, canopies, exterior walls, gutters, downspouts, exterior doors, window repairs, decorative exterior, architectural features, landscaping, and pavement improvements are eligible to apply for the Façade Grant.

The Façade Grant Program provides for a one-time maximum funding of \$1,000 per location. Awards require a match of at least 50% of the total project cost. This requires the applicant to provide a minimum dollar-per-dollar investment. As an example, if the total improvements cost \$1,500, the maximum award amount from the Downtown Development Authority would be \$750, and the applicant is responsible for the other \$750. Likewise, if the total improvements cost \$3,000, the maximum award amount from the Downtown Development Authority would be \$1,000, and the applicant is responsible for the other \$2,000.

Please note that the property being renovated and/or improved must be located within the Downtown Overlay District as defined in Section 617 of the City of Guyton Zoning Ordinance to be eligible for the Façade Grant. Grants will only be awarded to projects that are approved by the Downtown Development Authority of Guyton, Georgia prior to work commencing. A Façade Grant Agreement must be executed prior to construction or installation of the proposed renovations and/or improvements. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications missing any required documentation shall be deemed incomplete until all required information is received.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property : \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Total Cost of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Project Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Checklist**

- Confirm the Property is located within the Downtown Overlay District.
- Complete the Façade Grant Application.
- Submit at least 5 photographs of the current condition(s) of the Property related to the proposed renovations and/or improvements.
- Submit a copy of Applicant's W-9.
- Submit a copy of deed or property tax record for the Property demonstrating current ownership. If the applicant is the lessee of the property, a current lease indicating the lessee has the authority to make façade changes to the property.

### **Statement of Understanding**

1. The Applicant agrees to comply with the guidelines and procedures of the Downtown Development Authority of Guyton, Georgia Façade Grant Program and the other requirements outlined specified and agreed all approved.
2. The Applicant understands that he/she must submit detailed cost documentation, copies of building/sign permits, bids, contracts, and invoices upon request.

3. The Applicant acknowledges that no representations have been made by the City of Guyton or the Downtown Development Authority of Guyton, Georgia regarding whether this application will be approved.

4. The Applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Guyton and the Downtown Development Authority of Guyton, Georgia for any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or resulting from Applicant's application, the project, and/or issuance of the grant.

5. The Applicant agrees to observe all applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the use of grant funds.

6. The Applicant hereby acknowledges receipt of, and agrees to fully abide by, and be bound by all terms of the Downtown Overlay District Ordinance as provided in Section 617 of the City of Guyton Zoning Ordinance, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Applicant Signature

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Date