



Façade Incentive Grant Program

The purpose of the program is to stimulate downtown revitalization, redevelopment, economic development, and tourism development in Bainbridge. Downtown Bainbridge is the historic core of our community and serves as the seat of business, government, and service for Bainbridge & Decatur County. With historic architecture ranging from the 1860s through the 1930s, downtown is the heart of the county, and its pedestrian focus and historic buildings invite both resident and visitor. Each downtown building has an individual character, and each building is respected for its unique features, historic appearance, significance, current condition, and impact on the district.

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. The Façade Incentive Grant Program is funded and administered by the Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge (DDA).

Monies are available for exterior improvements only, and may be applied to a front, side or rear façade, provided the façade faces a public street or parking area.

Building Location	1 Story	2-3 Story	Notes
Interior of Block	\$1500	\$2000	DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price
Corner Building	\$2000	\$2500	DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price

Projects should result in repairs and rehabilitations which are: appropriate for the particular building, contribute to the success of its current business, and repair a building's façade to positively contribute to the appearance and vitality of Downtown. **Work must not be started by or on behalf of the applicant prior to the date of the grant award; such beginning disqualifies an applicant from grant consideration.**

Qualified Projects:

- Preserve the architectural integrity of the structure and, if possible, restore the original façade.
- Match the preservation guidelines outlined in the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
- Meet all local governmental rules, regulations and laws, including Bainbridge's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Design Guidelines.
- Use only the gentlest methods available for exterior surface cleaning (e.g. **No Sandblasting!**)
- Consider unique qualities of the individual building within the context of the Downtown Bainbridge Historic District.

Qualified projects may include: façade repairs and rehabilitation, restoration of architectural features, structural stabilization of facades, masonry cleaning (only by gentlest means possible-No Sandblasting), exterior repainting (painting of bare unpainted brick is not eligible), exterior walls/materials, awnings and canopies.

Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to: signs, gutters and downspouts, roofs, interior improvements of any type, security systems, general maintenance other than painting, person property/equipment.



GRANT GUIDELINES

- Funding is available only to businesses located within the Rural Revitalization Tax District. Applicant must submit contractor's estimate/budget summary for work to be performed.
- Reimbursable project expenses are limited to the scope of work performed by *licensed contractors*. Labor incurred by property owners is not eligible for reimbursement, only materials used in the project.
- Once approved, the project must be completed according to the design submitted on the Façade Grant application.
- The project must begin within 60 days of the award notice. **Work must not be started by or on behalf of the applicant prior to the date of the grant award; such beginning disqualifies an applicant from grant consideration.**
- Historic/architecturally significant buildings and visually prominent and economically blighted buildings will be given priority.
- Applicants seeking to re-paint the façade are encouraged to utilize a historic preservation color palette.
- Applicants seeking to install a new awning or replace the canvas of an existing frame may utilize the sample fabric book at the Downtown Development office at 205 E Broughton Street.

PAYMENT OF GRANT AWARDS

Payment of grant awards will be made as reimbursements for project expenses. All expenses must be documented. In order to receive reimbursement for the expenses the property owner who has received a façade grant must provide the Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge with the following:

- Documentation that the project has been completed, including final contractor invoices and cancelled checks along with a final total of expenses.
- A site visit to confirm that the project was completed and that all work was done in compliance with approved plans.
- If completed work does *not* correspond with the grant application, then the Downtown Development Authority may reduce the grant amount based upon the cost of improvements not approved.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE'S
COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, ARCHITECTURE, AND HISTORY!



Façade Incentive Grant Program Application

CONTACT	Applicant	
	Cell #	Email
	Mailing	

PROPERTY AND PROJECT	Property Owner	
	Property Address	
	Cell #	Email
	Project Description: <i>Check only one + add brief description</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Building located within interior of block/Awning <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Building Start Date: _____ Completion _____	

APPLICATION

- Application fully completed
- Photograph of existing building
- Paint and awning fabric samples
- Contractor Estimate

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated Cost of Project: \$ _____
(Please attach detailed budget summary)

Amount of Façade Grant \$ _____

Applicant Signature certifies that all information presented above is accurate and true.

