

CITY OF BELTON FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The “*Façade Grant Program*” is designed to stimulate private investment in high-quality building improvements that contribute to the overall strength of Downtown Belton as a shopping, dining, and entertainment destination. Through this program, the City of Belton will share the costs of improving building exteriors, thereby promoting joint public-private investment which will complement and enhance downtown revitalization efforts. All façade improvements must be approved by City of Belton Administration.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any commercial building located within the Downtown District is eligible for grant funding. Please contact City Hall staff for exact district boundaries or to determine if a building is eligible.

Tenants must have the property owner’s consent before any improvements are made. In addition, the grant application must be signed by the building owner.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Businesses must have a current business license and not have any indebtedness to the City. All renovation or repairs must result in a significant long-term improvement to the building. Eligible improvements include:

1. Awnings
2. Signage
3. Windows and Doors
4. Façade Renovation
5. Façade Paint

Other improvements may be approved by City Administration.

The program will not reimburse funds for removal of illegal improvements or changes which have not been approved by the City Administration. Routine cleaning and minor repairs are not eligible for funding.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Façade Grant Program is funded by a grant provided by the Municipal Association of South Carolina in the amount of \$25,000.

GRANT AMOUNTS

Eligible property and business owners, who have their applications approved, are eligible to be reimbursed 50% of eligible expenditures up to a maximum of reimbursement of \$2,500. (i.e., project cost paid by applicant total \$5,000, grant funding will reimburse \$2,500)

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HOW TO APPLY

Step 1:

The building or business owner must provide a completed application before making any improvements to the exterior of your building. City staff can answer questions and help you determine if your building improvement is eligible for the Façade Grant Program.

Step 2:

Your application will be reviewed by City Administrator, and the Planning Commission will be scheduled.

Step 3:

After your application is approved, a building permit can be obtained and work on your building can commence.

Step 4:

After work is completed, the applicant submits copies of invoices and cleared checks or credit card receipts showing that all costs have been paid in full.

MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

Multiple applications are acceptable. However, in order to maximize participation in the program, a building or business owner may only receive a maximum grant funding of \$2,500.00 per applicant.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Application forms for façade grants are available in the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, 306 Anderson Street Belton, SC 29627 or online at www.cityofbeltonsc.com.