

DAHLONEGA 2000, INC.

DOWNTOWN PRESERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

“Economic Development through Preservation of Historic Assets”

Thank you for your interest in the preservation of downtown Dahlonega’s commercial district architecture and history!

Monitored Fire Alarm System Application Package

The Monitored Fire Alarm System Program is intended to:

- protect the historic architectural resources essential to the economic health of our area, and
- stimulate investment in the preservation of Dahlonega’s historic commercial district.

Downtown Dahlonega is the historic core of the region and serves as the seat of business, government and services for the community. With historic architecture ranging from the 1830s to the 1960s, downtown is the heart of the county. Each downtown building has an individual character, and each building is respected for its unique features, historic appearance, significance, and impact on the district. Dahlonega 2000 Inc. has created this Monitored Fire Alarm System Program and believes increased fire prevention will protect our community’s investment in these precious, irreplaceable historic resources. Our local economy and identity depend upon historic preservation.

GRANT AMOUNTS

Maximum grant awards are \$500. Dahlonega 2000, Inc., will provide a matching grant to the owner for up to 50% of the cost of the system, and the grant must be matched by the property owner with cash investment. For example, an owner’s \$1000 monitored fire alarm system installation could be eligible for a grant award up to \$500, or an owner’s \$700 wiring system installation could be eligible for a grant award up to \$350. The amount of the grant will be determined by the review committee based on the funds available and the number of requests under consideration.

PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION

Project construction must not begin until grant awards have been officially announced by Dahlonega 2000, Inc. Funding may be limited and grant application projects may be competitive. Projects approved for grant awards will receive payment as a reimbursement to the property owner when a paid invoice is presented to Dahlonega 2000, Inc. (see payment guidelines for details).

GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- The amount of the grant will be determined by the review committee based on the funds available and the number of requests under consideration.
- The grant program operates in Downtown Dahlonega. Specifically the B-3 zoned district is designated as the priority program area for the period of 2014-2015. Eligible applicants are commercial property owners, as well as business owners (with the owner’s permission). Only commercial buildings more than 50 years old are eligible to apply. Government buildings and national franchises are not eligible to apply.

- Monitored fire alarm systems funded with the grants are to remain in place, maintained in good order, and continue to be functional monitored systems. If improvements are removed or not maintained and operational for a minimum of 10 years, Dahlonega 2000, Inc. may at its discretion seek reimbursement for the full amount of the grant funds that were paid to the participant.
- All property taxes, licenses, and permits must be current.
- Grant awards should not exceed \$500 in a five year period per location.
- Grant applicants are fully responsible for all aspects of the project, any relationships with contractors and suppliers, and securing all necessary permit approvals before beginning construction. Cost of permitting cannot be part of the grant funding.

Qualified Projects:

1. preserve the architectural integrity of the structure to the extent possible;
2. meet all local and state governmental rules, regulations and laws;

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

- Contact: Joel Cordle, Dahlonega 2000/DDA/Main Street Director, 706-864-6133 for an application package.
- Complete the application forms along with copies of any required permits.
- A complete application along with a licensed contractor’s written estimate for the monitored fire alarm system should be returned to the Dahlonega 2000/DDA office, 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, GA, 30533.
- Deadlines: Completed applications will be accepted monthly and must be postmarked or delivered by the first day of each month.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AND SELECTED

- Applications are reviewed in the order received.
- Only completed application packages are reviewed; incomplete applications will be returned.
- The review committee will review the application package for completeness, determine eligibility, and provide Dahlonega 2000, Inc., with priority recommendations. The Dahlonega 2000, Inc. board reviews applications for each cycle, and grant award notices are mailed to the applicants.

PROJECT START AND COMPLETION

- 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; beginning construction before the grant is awarded will disqualify an applicant from grant consideration.
- The project must be completed within 6 months of the grant award notice. Projects that fail to be completed during the 6 month time frame may reapply for funding; however, funding is not guaranteed.

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 grant must provide Dahlonga 2000, Inc. with the following:

- a. documentation that the project has been completed, including final contractor invoices and cancelled checks along with a final total of expenses.
- b. a copy of the building permit and a copy of the building inspector's final report;
- c. a site visit to confirm that the project was completed and that all work was done in compliance with approved plans;
- d. the owner's written commitment to maintain project improvements for a minimum of 10 years (obligation follows deed if transferred to a new owner).

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DAHLONEGA'S COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY!*

Dahlonga 2000, Inc

Monitored Fire Alarm System Grant Application

PROPERTY NAME AND LOCATION

Name of the property: _____

Address: _____

OWNER

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

PERSON FILING APPLICATION, IF OTHER THAN OWNER

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

BUILDING DATA

Date of Construction _____

ORIGINAL USE

- Office
- Commercial/Retail
- Industrial
- Institutional
- Residential

CURRENT USE

- Office
- Commercial/Retail
- Industrial
- Institutional
- Residential
- Vacant

TYPE OF WORK

Monitored fire alarm system installation

Other (briefly describe _____)

Proposed Installation Start Date

Proposed Date of Completion

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH YOUR APPLICATION (attach to this application form):

- _____ a copy of the building permit
- _____ a project cost estimate from a licensed contractor
- _____ a copy of construction plan drawings

This grant application form must be completed in full, including the documents listed above, before it can be submitted for consideration.

Proposed Project:

Describe clearly and in detail all work to be done. Use additional pages if necessary. Attach a copy of installation plans.

I, (applicant name) _____ agree that the above constitutes the construction proposed at this time and that any changes or additions will require additional information. My signature also certifies that I have read, understand, and agree to all of the grant program guidelines, regulations, and deadlines. I hereby submit the attached estimate for the proposed project and understand that this application is pending review by Dahlonga 2000, Inc. Work will not begin until I have received written grant approval from Dahlonga 2000, Inc. I further understand that the project must be completed within 6 months and that grant monies will not be paid until the project is complete.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

STAFF USE ONLY

Date received by Dahlonga 2000, Inc.: _____

Date reviewed by Dahlonga 2000, Inc.: _____

Application: _____ Granted _____ Denied _____ Date: _____

Comments _____

Dahlonga 2000, Inc. Chairman's Signature _____

NAME OF THE GRANT PROJECT: _____

CHECKLIST FOR PAYMENT OF GRANT AWARD

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- b. _____a copy of the building permit and a copy of the building inspector's final report;
- c. _____a site visit to confirm that the project was completed and that all work was done in compliance with approved plans;
- d. _____the owner's written commitment to maintain project improvements for a minimum of 10 years (obligation follows title if transferred to new owner).

By my signature below, I certify my commitment to maintaining the project improvements funded by this grant for a minimum of 10 years, and that if the building is transferred to a new owner, this obligation will also be transferred along with the title.

I submit this statement and the attached documentation for reimbursement on this date _____

Owner's Signature: _____

Signature of Dahlonaga 2000, Inc.
Representative: _____

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