



SPRINKLER & WIRING GRANT

"ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC ASSETS"

Downtown Dahlonega is the historic core of the region and serves as the seat of business, government and service for the community. With historic architecture ranging from the 1830s to the 1960s, downtown is the heart of the county. Its pedestrian focus and historic buildings invite both residents and visitors. Each downtown building has an individual character, and each building is respected for its unique features, historic appearance, significance, and impact on the district. The Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority believes this grant program will protect our community's investment in these precious, irreplaceable historic resources. Our local economy and identity depend upon preservation.

Maximum grant awards are \$5,000 and must be matched by the property owner. For example, an owner's \$12,000 project could be eligible for a grant award of up to \$5,000, while an owner's \$2,000 project could be eligible for a grant award of up to \$1,000. Amounts may be subject to current budget funds available for the program. This program is sponsored by the Main Street Program and Downtown Development Authority.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The amount of the grant will be determined by the DDA Board based on the funds available and the number of requests under consideration. The grant program operates in Downtown Dahlonega. Specifically, the B-3 zoned historic central business district is designated as the priority program area. CBD zoned properties may be considered depending on availability of funds. Eligible applicants are downtown commercial property owners, as well as the 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. Project improvements funded with the grants are to remain in place and maintained in good order. If improvements are removed or not maintained for a minimum of 10 years, the DDA 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 at all times during the minimum 10-year maintenance period. Grant awards should not exceed \$5,000 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 SHOULD:

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

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED AND SELECTED

Applications are reviewed in the order received. Only completed application packages are reviewed; incomplete applications will be returned. Staff will review the application packet for completeness, determine eligibility and provide the DDA Board with recommendations. The DDA Board reviews applications as they are completed and reviewed, and make determinations at regular board meetings. Grant award notices are mailed to the applicants.

PROJECT START AND COMPLETION

Once approved, the project must be completed according to the design plans submitted and approved with the application and permits. The project must begin within 60 days of the award notice. Work must not be started by or on behalf of the application prior to the date of the grant award; such beginning disqualifies 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 facade grant must provide DDA Staff 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.

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



SPRINKLER & WIRING APPLICATION

Business Owner Property Owner

If not the property owner, property owner
signature below

Applicant Name

Business/Property Name

Email

Phone

Mailing Address

Signature & Date

Street Address of Property

STAFF USE ONLY: PRIOR GRANT SITE AWARD DATE AND AMOUNT

Type of Work

Rewiring Installation

Fire Protection Sprinkler Installation

Describe clearly and in detail all work to be done. Use additional pages if necessary.

Breakdown of Project Costs along with attached estimates from a licensed Contractor

Total Project Cost

No grant award can exceed 50% of the eligible project costs. Dependent upon the scope of work, your project may also be eligible for Federal and/or State tax incentive programs when rehabilitating downtown properties. Please ask us.

STAFF USE ONLY: ESTIMATES ATTACHED

Other Documents to Attach to this Application

Occupational Tax Certificate

Public Benefit Affidavit

Private Employer E-Verify Affidavit

A copy of construction plan or engineering drawings

Copy of Building Permit if Required

Occupancy License Application

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 Dahlonaga DDA. Work will not begin until I have received written grant approval from Dahlonaga DDA. 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.

Signature & Date

STAFF USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED & STATUS