



SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT

"ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH AND SUCCESS"

The Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority & Main Street Program wants to assist you with those small but essential expenses that can often make a big difference in getting a business started or growing your existing business.

For 2025, the DDA has designated \$12,500 to this program. This is a 50% matching grant, with a maximum award amount of \$1,000.00. These funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the board's approval of each application.

No repayment of the grant will be required or expected; however, we hope that you will consider supporting our program in the future, allowing us to continue supporting our most valuable assets: our small businesses.

APPLICANT NAME

BUSINESS NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

MAILING ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY

STAFF USE ONLY: PRIOR GRANT SITE AWARD DATE AND AMOUNT



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PROPOSED PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDS WILL BE USED. USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT COSTS ALONG WITH ATTACHED ESTIMATES OR QUOTES

Total Project Cost

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STAFF USE ONLY: ESTIMATES
ATTACHED

OTHER DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION

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Occupational Tax
Certificate

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Public Benefit Affidavit

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Private Employer E-Verify
Affidavit

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Occupancy License Application

I, (applicant name)_____, agree that the above constitutes project or purchase 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 Dahlongega DDA. Work or purchases will not be done until I have received written grant approval from Dahlongega 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



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GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES & CHECKLIST

Ensure you read and understand the grant guidelines thoroughly before applying. For questions or additional information, contact Dahlonega DDA/Main Street at 706-482-2707 or by email at aalexander@dahlongegadda.org. Your business/organization is ineligible to apply if you were awarded an SBIG Grant during the current calendar year.

Verify you are requesting an eligible proposed use of SBIG grant funds. The DDA/Main Street Board reserves the right to determine eligibility in the context of conforming to the granting organization's goals, policies, and procedures.

Eligible uses of funding include:

- Inventory/Supplies
- Business Equipment
- Marketing/Advertising
- Interior/Exterior Renovations
- Security System
- Professional Services

Ineligible uses of funding include:

- Rent, Lease, or Mortgage payments
- Rental Deposits and Utility Bills
- Late Payments, Interest, or Fees
- Purchase of Alcohol, Tobacco, or Medicine
- Debts
- Expenses for Work/Services Already Started

Submit one fully completed application with supporting documentation and attachments.

Applications must be submitted with all quotes for proposed work/services to be considered. Provide as much information, relevant to your request, as possible. Detailed applications will be favored over those that are ambiguous. If your business/organization uses a website or Facebook page, please include the link with your application. You are also encouraged to include photos pertaining to your request.

An estimate, quote, purchase order, or other documentation from the vendor or service provider, for which the funds are being requested, is required.

Shop Local preference - when possible, please use local vendors and suppliers. Funding requests using a local provider will be favored unless the items you are purchasing are not available locally. If local suppliers are not available, Georgia suppliers and/or made in the USA products will be given preference.