



DOWNTOWN FACADE GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to stimulate downtown revitalization and development, and tourism in Monroe. 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 buildings.

The Monroe Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Façade Match will provide a 50/50 investment match ratio up to a maximum of \$1,500 per property, as a reimbursement once pre-approved project(s) are completed and inspected. All projects must be completed within six months of the date of the DDA approval letter.

ELIGIBILITY

The program will be open to all private businesses within the DDA boundaries. Once available funds are pledged, no more applications will be accepted. Monroe DDA will review the program each year to determine if sufficient funding is available to continue accepting grant applications.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

- Building façade improvements: paint, brick, wood awnings/canopies, lighting, doors, windows, and other repairs.
- Other restorations/renovations, which meet HPC approval and the goals of revitalization, will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be coordinated by Mainstreet/DDA Executive Director. The DDA Board will review each application for final approval. The full process includes:

- The completed application
- Proof of certificate of appropriateness from historic preservation commission
- Code enforcement work permits (if applicable)
- On site restoration work
- Review/audit of finished work
- Provide copies of paid receipts to DDA within 30 days of completion
- Reimbursement of 50% for project expenses up to a maximum of \$1,500

APPLICATION FOR FACADE GRANT

NAME: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please attach a brief description of proposed work. (Note: to receive payment, project must be completed as described)

ESTIMATED COST: _____

GRANT MONEY APPLYING FOR: _____

ESTIMATED START DATE: _____

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: _____

I understand that the incentive match must be used for the project described in this application and that the project must be fully completed before the payment will be considered.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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CHECKLIST

- Application is complete
- Project Description is attached
- Budget summary/cost estimate is attached
- Letter of consent from property owner (if leasing)
- Architectural sketch of proposed (if necessary)
- Photograph of building with existing conditions
- Paint and awning samples (if applicable)
- City permits applied for (if applicable)
- HPC approval