



~ INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM ~

To apply for a facade grant from Main Street Laurens, simply complete the following information and express your intentions in writing to the Main Street Laurens Office. Facade grants are available for the purpose of improving the buildings within the Main Street Laurens district. These grants are available to any property owners within the district or their tenants with the building owners approval\*, however, member business/property owners of Main Street Laurens will be given first consideration. Grants will be offered for a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,500 per project for the cost of improvements and do require a minimum of 50% matching funds from the applicant. A maximum of \$7,500 will be available during the grant cycle, however, the Main Street Laurens Economic Enhancement Committee and the Main Street Laurens Board of Directors may authorize additional funds.

Applicants must submit a written and visual plan with estimates of the total cost. Improvements can include interior and/or exterior of a building within the district, including garden areas. Interior improvements MUST be a capitol improvement to the interior and will remain with the building should the tenant move out. All proposed improvements on the facade must be visible from a street within the district. Funds will be issued as reimbursement upon completion and submission of paid receipts. Main Street Laurens' Design Committee will review all applications and with the Main Street Laurens' Economic Enhancement Committee approve awardees. No grants will be awarded if no acceptable projects are submitted. Reimbursement will occur within thirty (30) days of final submission of receipts. Applications and final submissions will be made to the Main Street office.

NOTE: If applicable, the plans and application will be reviewed by the City of Laurens Historic Preservation Commission (only if the property is located within the Courthouse Square Historic District). Approval by the HPC will require that facades of improved structures be brought up to date with minimum standards including signage. Once that approval has been received, the grant will be resubmitted to the Main Street Laurens Board of Directors.

Main Street Laurens will require completion of the planned improvements in accord with the original design specifications outlined in the application form. Any unapproved alterations to the original design specifications will result in dismissal of the project and all funding denied. All projects must be completed within one (1) year of grant approval.

Examples of exterior projects would be replacement of awnings, pocket gardens, replacement of boarded up windows, repair of damaged walls, exterior painting, window repair, etc. Examples of interior projects would include major equipment repair/replacement, painting, electrical, plumbing and roofing (where the condition of the roof has a negative effect on a current tenant). All interior projects must be on a building that is either occupied or is on the market for lease at a reasonable market rate.

**Main Street Laurens USA works to strengthen the economic base of the downtown business district through projects and events, which promote the products and services available in the downtown area and through its member businesses.**

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FACADE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM ~ APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work to be done  
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Please attach the following:

1. Photographs clearly showing existing condition of the proposed area of improvement.
2. Plans drawn to scale and specifications outlining scope of work.
3. Samples of all paint colors/materials to be used.
4. Proposed budget and cost estimate.

Total Cost of Improvements \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that in order for my request for funds to be approved, I must agree to work with any recommendations of the Design Committee. I also understand that monies are granted on a reimbursement basis, following completion of the work and that design changes not approved by the Design Committee will not be funded.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Tenant

**To be filled out by the Main Street Laurens Office:**

Reviewed by the Design Committee & Main Street Laurens Board of Directors

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Granted \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If applicable, to be filled out by the City of Laurens Historic Preservation Commission**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_  
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