



## **Façade Grant Program**

*Program Administered by Canton Main Street*

### **Program Parameters**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Matching Grant Program is to restore, improve or create historic architectural features to facades of commercial buildings within the Canton Main Street boundaries.

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Where practical, all historic building facades shall be restored to their original period design or adhere to current Canton Historic Preservation Commission guidelines or design aspects approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. Canton Main Street provides final approval of Grant Application upon receipt of approval for all applicable structures governed by the Canton Historic Preservation Commission.

If a building does not have a historic significant architectural design or feature, then a proposed historic design may be submitted to qualify for the grant program with initial approval gained from the Canton Historic Preservation Commission, if applicable, and final approval from Canton Main Street.

All storefronts shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to compliment and accept the historic architectural features of the building. All accessories, signs, and awnings shall likewise harmonize with the overall character of the building and streetscape.

All color schemes shall accent the building as well as harmonize with adjacent buildings.

Funds during the initial grant period shall be decided on a competitive basis by the Canton Main Street Board of Directors and the Canton Historic Preservation Commission.

Tenants may qualify upon receipt of written consent of the owner of the building. All Grant funds awarded require a matching dollar for dollar expenditure by the owner/tenant. Grants up to \$5000 will be awarded per building for facade improvements including awnings but does not include business specific signage. Reusable signage hardware including, but not limited to, permanent signposts or affixed signage hardware on the structure will be reviewed on a case by case basis based on useful life.

No work for which a Grant is sought should begin until authorized by the Canton Main Street and the Historic Preservation Commission which regularly meets the first Monday of the month.



No Grant monies or matching monies shall be used to perform general repair, structural, or habitable work or otherwise to meet code to occupy the building.

Work completed by the applicant requires an estimate from an outside source to verify that costs are within reasonable parameters.

Final cost receipts must be provided by the applicant upon project completion to verify final dollar match, which is the lessor of \$5000 or 50% of the approved project cost.

All approved work must be complete within 90 days and approved façade improvements must remain in place for at least 60 months post completion.

### **Application Process**

Applicant must apply for approval via the Canton Historic Preservation Committee when applicable for approval of project alignment with Canton Historic Preservation Commission standards. Projects not subject to Canton Historic Preservation Committee approval will require departmental approval by the City of Canton.

Completion of Façade Grant Application and corresponding project budget or cost summary must be completed.

Completion of Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

To qualify for grant funds, an application and appropriate plans must be submitted to Velinda Hardy via email at [Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov](mailto:Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov) or at Canton City Hall located at 110 Academy Street Canton GA 30114.



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1. Complete required application and submission requirements per standards established by the Canton Historic Preservation Commission. Complete the Façade Grant Application fully and include with your Canton Historic Preservation Commission submission
2. Please note all major exterior structural renovations should be discussed with the planning department by the applicant prior to application to ensure all code requirements are met
3. Projects not requiring the approval of the Canton Historic Preservation Commission require only the Façade Grant Program Application, approval by City of Canton building department, accompanying budget or cost breakdown and full description of the project
4. Once the Commission or City has approved the project, written notice will be delivered, and work can begin. No work should start until written notice is received
5. Applicant is responsible for obtaining any permits required for execution of project. Cost of permitting may be part of grant funding
6. Upon project completion the Canton Main Street Program will reimburse Applicant for 50% of approved façade costs with the Canton Main Street maximum contribution being \$5,000. Effectively the Applicant will receive the lesser of 50% of approved project cost or \$5,000
7. Applicant must submit a paid bill for reimbursement together with an affidavit from the contractor certifying work completion as approved. Any unapproved changes will void the Grant. If Applicant changes project after approval, they must contact Canton Main Street

*The Canton Main Street Board reserves the right to grant additional money to the targeted projects which they believe will have significant impact on the area. Staff will be available to help needed and may seek outside guidance on complex projects*

**All applications are contingent on funding and will be tabled until such time as funds are available**



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**Grant Application**

Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

Business Name	
Primary Contact Name	
Business Address	
Property Address <i>(if different from above)</i>	
Phone	
Email	
Amount Requested <i>(not to exceed \$5000)</i>	

**Property Relationship**

*Written authorization from the owner is required if applicant does not own the property*

Own	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Property Owner Name	
Property Owner Address	
Property Owner Phone	

**Project Information**

Estimated Completion Cost	
Estimated Project Start Date	
Estimated Project Completion Date	
Contractor <i>(Self-Contracting Suffices)</i>	
Historic Preservation Commission Approval Date	

**Façade Program Information**

Applicants can apply for up to a 50% match of approved façade project cost in accordance with the standards established through the Canton Main Street Façade Program, which is subject to change. Amount of match will not exceed the lesser of \$5000 or 50% of the validated project cost. Initial approval for exterior projects must be approved in accordance with current standards of the Historic Preservation Committee and subsequently approved by Canton Main Street Board prior to project commencement. Matching funds are limited, cannot be guaranteed and all applicants must confirm availability of funds.



**Project Description *Full Project Scope***

**Required Items for Submission**

1. Complete Grant Application
2. Approval from Historic Preservation Committee
3. Full Project Budget or Project Estimate

**Required Upon Project Completion**

1. Financial records confirming project expenses incurred
2. Visual inspection by Main Street Board designee

*Project approval is required from the Canton Historic Preservation Committee prior to any exterior modifications to buildings located in the designated commercial historic district. Applicants can contact the City of Canton for additional detail associated with the Canton Historic Preservation Committee. No work shall commence until final approval granted. All proposed work must be completed in 90 days, no grant funds will be provided until project completion and appropriate validation of work. Applicant agrees to leave completed project in place for a period of 60 months from date of grant receipt.*

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Submit all applications to Velinda Hardy at [Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov](mailto:Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov)  
Program questions directed to Velinda Hardy at [Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov](mailto:Velinda.Hardy@cantonga.gov) or 770-704-1548**