



## **Downtown Lavonia Façade Grant Program and Application**

### **2025 FOCUS: PERMANENT SIGNAGE**

A Grant Program Administered by the Downtown Development Authority through the Lavonia 21st Century, Inc., a nonprofit corporation for historic preservation.

#### **Program Logistics and Eligibility:**

The 2025 Façade Grant Program focuses exclusively on permanent signage improvements to enhance the look and feel of Downtown Lavonia.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Business must be located in the downtown area.
- Open to locally owned businesses (not franchises or chains).
- Current signage must be at least three years old or in poor condition for existing businesses. • New signage must comply with local permits and zoning laws.
- All property and/or business owners in the Lavonia Historic District are eligible to apply. • Previous grantees are welcome to participate.

#### **Grant Funding Details:**

- Covers matching costs, up to \$1,000.
- Eligible expenses include Design, Fabrication, Installation, and Lighting
- Excludes routine maintenance, temporary signs, or digital billboards.
- A total of six grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- The DDA will also cover the \$300 sign permit fee for approved applicants.

#### **Requirements for Application and Approval:**

- Completed application form.
- Photos of existing signage (if applicable).
- Design rendering of the proposed signage.
- Quotes from at least two contractors (recommended).
- Professional cost estimate or invoice for completed work, specifying materials used and labor rates. •

Projects must comply with the City of Lavonia Historic Guidelines.

- A completed Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required. The COA will be reviewed by the Lavonia Historical Commission, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

#### **Grant Process:**

- All grant monies will be paid upon completion of the individual projects.
  - Approved projects must meet the highest standards of quality and align with the vision for Downtown Lavonia.

#### **Contact Information:**

For questions or to submit your application, contact the Lavonia Downtown Development Authority:

706-356-1926 [dda@lavoniaga.gov](mailto:dda@lavoniaga.gov)

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**Downtown Lavonia Façade Grant Application**  
**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Relationship to Property/Project**

\_\_\_\_\_ Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*If you do not own this property include:*

Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:**

Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Project**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Estimated Project Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a detailed budget summary/professional cost estimate or completed invoices from the project.

Amount Applied For \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*Match amount up to \$1000*)

**Submit Application to:**  
**Lavonia Downtown Development Authority**  
**1269 East Main Street**  
**Lavonia, Georgia 30553**

**Application Check List:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Application is Complete**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **COA Application is attached**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost or Invoices Attached**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Historical Preservation Commission Approval**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **City Sign Permit Completed**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature Date**

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Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ HPC Meeting  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ HPC Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ DDA Board Meeting Date:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Application Approval: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If no, reason for denial of application:  
\_\_\_\_\_ DDA Authorized Signature:  
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