



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

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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: _____