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FAUQUIER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Façade Improvement Grant Program

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The Fauquier County Department of Economic Development is now accepting applications for Façade Improvement Grants administered by the Department and funded by the Economic Development Authority. The Façade Improvement Grant Program provides matching grant funds for property owners within the County to aesthetically enhance their properties to revitalize and strengthen business communities and encourage private investment throughout Fauquier County.

The program is part of the Department's initiatives designed to assist the County's existing business community by encouraging businesses to restore, sustain, and improve commercial property. The grant program provides up to \$15,000 with a 1:1 match required.

The applicant's property must be in Fauquier County and zoned for commercial, industrial or office mixed use. Mixed use properties must have a commercial component and be a taxable structure at least 15 years old. In addition, applicants and property must be current on all Fauquier County taxes and fees.

Interested parties should contact Lauren Perez at 540-422-8270 or lauren.perez@fauquiercounty.gov, for the complete grant guidelines and application. The deadline for submission of the grant application is **by COB on Friday, April 4, 2025**. Grantees will receive notification by April 25, 2025, after approval is granted by the Economic Development Authority at their meeting on April 22, 2025. Funded projects must be completed within 12 months from award notification.



Façade Improvement Grant Program Fact Sheet

The objective of the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) program is to restore, sustain, and improve commercial properties located within Fauquier County. This program provides matching grant funds for property owners in Fauquier County to aesthetically enhance their properties to revitalize and strengthen business communities and encourage private investment throughout the County.

- The applicant property must be in Fauquier County and zone for commercial, industrial, office or mixed-use (mixed use must have a commercial component) taxable structure that is at least 15 years old. Property and applicant must also be current on all Fauquier County taxes and fees (property, BPOL, machinery & tools, storm-water, etc.)
- Properties ineligible for this program include stand-alone retail chains, national franchises, places of worship or residential buildings/complexes as well as properties owned by Fauquier County Government employee, EDA Board members, other County Officials, or anyone who is immediate as defined by the Virginia State or Local Government conflicts of Interest Act, or a member of the selection committee.
- Eligible improvements include new projects that make a visible, demonstrable improvement to the exterior of a building or property, such as, installation of awnings, exterior lighting, window repair, paving, signage, accessibility ADA compliant projects, exterior upgrades, etc.
- Projects must comply with local planning and zoning regulations, Architectural Review Board and related guidelines.
- If property is historic or preserved with designations all necessary approvals must be received.
- Projects must be completed within 12 months following the date of the award announcement. Extensions will be subject to approval by the DED.
- Grantees will sign a grant award agreement outlining the total award, and any reporting and completion dates.
- Maximum award amount is \$15,000.00. Grant recipients will be responsible for providing proof of 1:1 matching funds for amount of grant award. Awardee matching funds must be utilized before projects qualify for reimbursement.



Facade Improvement Grant Application

Name of Applicant

Date Submitted

Signature of Applicant

Grant Amount Requested

I. PROJECT APPLICANT (Owner of Property)

Project Applicant's Legal Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Contact Person(s)/Title: _____
 Address of Property: _____

Is applicant a subsidiary or direct or indirect affiliate of any other organization?

Yes No

All Property Owners are to be listed below:

Name	Home Address	Telephone number	<u>Ownership</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____%
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____%
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____%
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	

Does any individual person or organization not listed above hold any interest in the property, directly or indirectly?

Yes No

Please list below each occupant of the facility in question, together with a description of the type of business use and percentage of occupancy of the facility to be financed.

Occupant	Type of Business	% Occupancy	Lease Term*

*Provide Copy of Lease(s)

Property Information:

Property ID Number: _____

**Assessment: Land _____
 Improvements _____
Total _____

If an appraisal has been performed within the last 3 years, please provide the information below.

Appraisal Amount: _____
 Date of Appraisal _____

**If unsure, contact staff

II. PROBABLE CONTRACTOR(S) INVOLVED IN PROJECT:

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

III. OTHER PROFESSIONAL PARTIES INVOLVED IN PROJECT:

(ex: Accountants, Lawyers, etc.)

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

Name: _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email Address _____
Contact Person _____

IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

Please specify costs for work items as categorized below as well as provide cost estimate(s) received:

Eligible Activity		Description of Improvements	Amount
Canopy/awning	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Accessibility ADA compliant projects	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Exterior finishes and materials	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Exterior lighting	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Exterior painting, including prep	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Fencing	<input type="radio"/>		\$
"Green"/Sustainable exterior improvements	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Hardscape improvements	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Landscaping improvements	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Paving	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Permanent landscape-related features	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Roofing	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Windows/Doors	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Window and cornice flashing	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Other	<input type="radio"/>		\$
Total			\$

Has any construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activity occurred to date which is included in the total project cost?

 Yes No

If Yes, please summarize the extent of the activity undertaken and identify what percent it represents of the total work to be done.

Zoning and Infrastructure:

What is the current zoning of this property? _____

Is this property occupied?

 Yes No

If no, what is the proposed use of this property?

The proposed use of the project meets all governmental zoning and subdivision regulations.

 Yes No**V. AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF OTHER FUNDS INVOLVED IN PROJECT**

Applicant _____	Amount _____
Bank _____	Amount _____
Equity _____	Amount _____
Investors _____	Amount _____
Other _____	Amount _____

VI. PROJECT BENEFITS

How will this grant help the business and surrounding community?:

Are there any other benefits to the County?:

VII. SIGNATURES

Please read the following and sign the application form below.

All property/business owners, partners, etc. must sign this application form. If there are any questions, please call Economic Development staff at 540-422-8270.

Name (Print) _____

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Date _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Name (Print) _____

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Date _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

VIII. PUBLIC INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

The undersigned understands and agrees that all information furnished in connection with his application for the Façade Improvement Grant involves the use of public funds and as such may be made public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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