



Facade Improvement Program

The Façade Improvement Program is a grant available to developers, business, and commercial building owners that wish to improve their property. The program is a 50/50 grant that may not exceed the amount of \$1,000 per address, per year and no more than two grants awarded per fiscal year. Façade grant renovation can be used on any exterior portion of the building that is visible to the public. This can include the front, back, and sides of the building, exterior doors, windows, shutters, gates, and any other decorative elements that are integral to the façade. The program's mission is to stimulate revitalization and private sector capital investment by proactively addressing deteriorating property conditions and encouraging improvements which increase economic vitality.

General Guidelines & Information

Buildings 25 years of age and older

Special consideration for buildings under the age of 25 can be considered on an individual basis

Work must be completed within 180 days of the awarding of the grant

Property taxes must be up-to-date and applicants may not owe any debts to the Town of Falkville

All contractors must obtain proper city licenses

Town of Falkville reserves the right to revoke the grant

Each application will be reviewed by the Falkville Planning Commission

Any building with a zoning or building code violation is not eligible for the program

A building or business owner who is undertaking an improvement project that includes a portion of the eligible improvements may apply for the grant, but only improvements like those listed below will be eligible for funding

Eligible Uses

Removal of non-historic materials

Re-Painting

Restoration of windows and doors

Installation of canvas awnings

Re-pointing of brick

Awnings

Improving ADA accessibility

Re-placement of decorative features

In-Eligible Uses

Equipment, mechanicals, HVAC

Roof repairs

New building construction

Interior renovations/additions

Any improvements not visible to the public

Non-permanent fixtures (cameras, metal roll down gates, etc.)

Process, Administration, & Review

Applications may be obtained from Falkville Town Hall. Applications will be considered in the order they are received. Only completed applications that include all required documents and information will be accepted. The committee will review the application for the accuracy and will determine if it meets the requirements for funding. *The committee reserves the right to request further information and documentation.* The review committee will consist of the Falkville Planning Commission. After the approval of the application from the review committee, it will then go to the Falkville Town Council for final approval. If approved by the council, the applicant must enter into an agreement with the Town of Falkville. The agreement stipulates that the grant funds will be matched only after the project is completed and has been inspected by the Chairman of the Planning Commission. The project must be completed within 180 days after the written approval is received from the committee to the applicant. Grant funds will be given to the applicant within 45 days of passing inspection.

Review of Proposals

Every project will be evaluated for the value of its aesthetic improvement to the Town of Falkville, extent and scope of the work proposed, and its potential economic impact on the town.

The following aspects will be considered by the committee:

1. Aesthetic Improvement Value
2. Impact on surrounding area
3. Adherence to the Zoning and Codes outlined by the Town of Falkville
4. Potential economic impact
5. Anticipated increase in assessed value
6. Use of building following the project

Questions

If you need assistance while completing the application, please contact us.

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Facade Improvement Application

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Property Information:

Building Owner _____

Building Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Total cost of improvements \$ _____ Amount requested \$ _____

Proposed Improvement(s): Check all that apply

- Removal of non-historic materials
- Re-Painting
- Installation of canvas awnings
- Awnings
- Re-placement of decorative features
- Cleaning brick/stone fronts
- Restoration of windows and doors
- Re-pointing of brick
- Improving ADA accessibility
- Other: _____

Construction of building _____ Source _____

Please describe the scope of the proposed project (include a brief summary of the building's current condition, proposed areas of improvement, how project will be implemented):

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Falkville Facade Improvement Application cont.

Please attach the following:

1. Completed application
2. Letter of consent from property owner, if the applicant is a tenant
3. Present photographs of the building showing all exteriors and historical photographs if applicable
4. Brief description of the work to be done, objectives of the project and reason for requesting funding
5. Provide paint color, awning, material, and signage samples if applicable
6. Provide a proposed drawing of project (drawings do not have to be architectural renderings)

The review committee reserves the right to request further information...

I do hereby swear or affirm that the information provided herein is true, complete and accurate, and I understand that any inaccuracies may be considered just cause for invalidation of the application. I understand that in order for my request for funds to be approved, I must agree to work with and follow the recommendations of Town of Falkville Façade Improvement Program. I also understand that the monies are granted on a reimbursement basis: following completion of work and that improvements and changes not approved by the Town of Falkville will not be funded.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Brief overview:

- 50/50 Grant- 50% investment from owner and 50% investment from Town of Falkville
- May not exceed \$1,000 per address, per year
- After review from the Planning Commission, the proposal will go to the Falkville Town Council for final approval
- Projects shall be completed within 180 days of committee approval
- At inspection and final approval of project, the city will match 50% of the total project cost up to \$1,000 per address