



Façade Incentive Grant Program

The Scottsboro Façade Incentive Program is funded and administered by the Scottsboro Downtown Redevelopment Authority (DRA) of Scottsboro, Alabama.

Monies are available for exterior improvements only, and may be applied to a front, side or rear façade, provided the façade faces a public street or public parking area. The program is designed to give property owners and business owners financial assistance for façade improvement. A maximum amount of \$1000 per property per year is available. The number of applications approved each year will depend on funds available to the DRA. The DRA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price once approved, not to exceed \$1000.

Grant Information

1. Funding is available only to businesses located in the Downtown District boundaries.
2. All funding must be approved by the DRA prior to any work beginning, unless otherwise authorized by the DRA. The Architectural Review Board may have to review the project before work begins, specifically for properties listed on the historic registry.
3. Grant money will be paid upon completion of the project, once proper documentation is submitted to the DRA. All items submitted on grant application must be completed otherwise payment will be forfeited.
4. After inspection of property to insure that work completed complies with the submitted and approved application, you will be reimbursed by the DRA the amount originally agreed upon in the grant application.
5. Historic/architecturally significant buildings and visually prominent and economically blighted buildings will be given priority. The DRA reserves the right to reduce the amount of matching funds awarded based on the number of applications and the merit of projects proposed.
6. Project should have impact on the downtown district streetscape.
7. The DRA reserves the right to require other façade improvements prior to grant approval.
8. Projects must be completed within 90 days from board approval. The DRA will consider extending the time period in cases of delay due to a holdup with material or other hardship. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the DRA when the project is complete.



Guidelines for Façade Improvements

1. The DRA will appoint a Design Review Committee to review all grant applications and recommend grant funding for approved projects to the DRA.
2. The Design Review Committee will consist of at least one member of the Architectural Review Board, two members of the DRA and a member at large.
3. The Design Review Committee will utilize the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings as a guide when making recommendations.
4. Planned improvements must preserve the architectural integrity of the building and restore, when possible, the historic appearance of the façade.
5. Historic paint colors should be used to maintain the historic character of downtown.
6. The surface cleaning of structures must be by the gentlest methods available. Inappropriate chemical cleaners should be avoided due to possible damage of aged building components.
7. Sandblasting is NOT an appropriate method of cleaning.
8. The size, color, and shape of a sign should complement the building and add to the historic flavor of the area. All signage must comply with the zoning ordinance and the Architectural Review Board and Historic Preservation Commission (if applicable).
9. All repairs and renovations will require a building permit and all contractors must have a City of Scottsboro business license.

Improvements that Qualify of Façade Incentives Assistance

1. New paint applied to existing painted exterior walls
2. Replacement or additions of awnings to facades
3. Door and window improvements
4. Replacement or improvement to existing signs
5. New façade applications to damaged or visually unpleasant exterior walls
6. Renovations which complement the historic characteristics of buildings
7. Replacement of or uncovering of architectural features of buildings (ex. The removal of tin to uncover original brick façade or transoms).



Scottsboro Downtown Redevelopment Authority Façade Incentive Grant Program Application

(Projects must be completed within 90 days from board approval. The DRA will consider extending the time period in cases of delay due to a holdup with material or hardship.)

Applicant Name: _____ Business: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Type of improvements you are planning. Check all that apply to your project:

Paint Awning Building Wash Awning Wash Signage

Other: _____

Please attach the following required documents:

1. Contractor's cost estimate or bid on contractor's letterhead.
2. Letter of consent from property owner, if the applicant is a tenant.
3. Photograph of existing building.
4. Rendering of proposed project is preferred and may be required in some cases.
5. Provide paint color, awning fabric and awning color samples.
6. Provide a letter or minutes from the Architectural Review Board, noting approval of plans for facade improvements for the properties located in the Downtown Historic District.

**The DRA reserves the right to require other façade improvements prior to the grant approval. Please provide a brief description of work to be done, objectives of the project and reason for requesting funding. You may also attach a separate page with your application if needed.

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

Signature _____ Date: _____

DRA USE ONLY - Approved by: _____ Date: _____ Amount: _____ Paid: _____ Ck# _____