

Crossroads La Grange Main Street Program

Facade Grant Program

1. **Purpose:** To assist in the continued preservation of the La Grange Historic Renaissance District and the La Grange Historic Districts, Crossroads La Grange Main Street Program will administer a grant program to assist building owners with facade renovation or repair. The goal of the program is to keep La Grange's historic beauty intact, and to preserve the charm and history of the city.
2. There are two categories of grants available:
 - A. **Category I-** These grants provide reimbursement or payment for up to one third (1/3) of actual costs for basic maintenance or cosmetic items such as repainting or window replacement. It is expected that the total costs for such projects would be \$3,000 or less, with the grant amounts not exceeding \$1,000.
 - B. **Category II-** These grants are for more major renovations such as returning a facade to its historical appearance or for major structural repairs to maintain building integrity. The amount of Category II grants will vary, depending on the scope of the project and the availability of funds.
3. An annual grant budget will be approved each year by the Board of Directors. Funds not committed in one year will automatically roll over to the next year. As a general guideline, %50 of funds will go into each category with the expectation that the Category II grants will accumulate over 1-2 years before being used.
4. The program will be administered by the Main Street Board of Directors, the Program Director, and/or the Design Committee Chairperson (also a board member). Grant applications will be maintained by the La Grange Crossroad's Director. Members of the Board or the Program Director will make the applications available to interested individuals.
5. Completed applications will be given to the Main Street Director who will annotate the application with the balance of available funds in the program and then pass the application to the Design Committee. The Design Committee will review the application for the following:
 - a. Consistency with Main Street standards as to project's location and benefit,
 - b. Assurance of cost and work detail consistency. The amounts requested should be approximately consistent with the work to be undertaken.
 - c. Project work detail is in accordance with City of La Grange Historic Districts Commission's guidelines, or that approval from the La Grange Historic Districts Commission has been obtained.
 - d. Approval or disapproval of the application by the Board of Directors. Projects will be reviewed in monthly session.
 - e. Facade grant funding should primarily come from monies earned by the organization's educational efforts. Additional funds, as may be available, may also be used.

6. The reimbursement for approved grants must be sought within 12 months of the date of application approval or the approval is automatically withdrawn. Grant money will be paid immediately upon completion of the project. Checks can be made out to the property owner for approved expenses when receipts are provided to SSL, or to the contractor on presentation of an invoice.
7. All applications will be maintained on file for 3 years. Approved application, with receipts, will be maintained for 7 years.

Facade Grant Criteria

Facade Grant applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. The project for which the grant funds are requested is a true facade renovation. A facade is defined as the chief exterior face of the building (See Description—Category I and Category II in the Facade Grant Program Overview).
2. Improvements and maintenance on the building make a significant contribution to preserving the history of La Grange.
3. The project and building benefit the public in some manner.
4. Maintaining and/or restoring the buildings will help support the economic vitality of the downtown historic area.

All Facade Grant applications be initially reviewed by the Design Committee of Main Street Program, and then presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and decision.

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Name of Building Owner _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

Building Project Address _____

Business or Residence (circle one)

Check where appropriate:

Property/Building Owner _____ Tenant _____

If tenant, please complete the following:

Name of Property/Building Owner _____

Address and Phone _____

General description of the work to be undertaken, attach additional pages if necessary, and include detailed photos.

For major renovations or repairs, please provide the name of the contractor and overview plans.

Contractor: _____

Has County Permit been obtained? _____

Is the property located within La Grange Historic District/s? _____

Have the historic district commission guidelines been applied where applicable? _____

Estimated Total Cost _____ Amount of grant applied for _____

Date work to be started _____ Estimated Completion Date _____

Remarks: _____

By signing this application, the undersigned agrees to abide by all the specifications required by the design committee, and further agrees not to alter or change said project without prior design committee approval. All work must be completed within the year that the grant was awarded.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date of Application _____

Main Street Director _____ Date _____

Design Committee Approval _____ Date _____

Board Approval (if required) _____ Date _____
(Example, Category II façade projects)

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