



Historic Blakely Court Square Facade Grant Program

The purpose of the program is to stimulate downtown revitalization, redevelopment, economic development, and tourism development in Blakely. Downtown Blakely is the historic core of the community and serves as the seat of business, government, and service for Blakely & Early County. **With historic structures and architecture ranging from the 1860s through the 1950s, downtown is the heart of the community, and its small business-focus and historic buildings invite both resident and guest.** Each downtown building has an individual character, and each building is respected for its unique features, historic appearance, significance, current condition, and impact on the historic commercial district.

Program funds are an incentive for current owners and potential buyers of vacant and occupied buildings to restore, renovate, and repair the exteriors of their building. The Historic Blakely Court Square Facade Grant Program is funded and administered by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Blakely.

Funds are available for exterior improvements only, and may be applied to a front, side or rear facade, provided the facade faces a public street or parking area.

MAXIMUM AMOUNTS

Building Location	1 Story	2 Story	Notes
Awning	\$1,500	\$1,500	DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price
Interior of Block	\$1,500	\$2,000	DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price
Corner Building	\$2,000	\$2,500	DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price

Projects should result in repairs and rehabilitation which are: appropriate for the particular building, contribute to the success of its current business, and repair a building's facade to positively contribute to the appearance and vitality of the Historic Blakely Court Square.

Qualified Projects:

- Preserve the architectural integrity of the structure and, if possible, restore the original facade.
- Match the [preservation guidelines outlined](#) in the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
- Meet all local governmental rules, regulations and laws, including the City of Blakely's Court Square Regulations found in the [Code of Ordinances \(Chapter 18\)](#).
- Use only the gentlest methods available for exterior surface cleaning (e.g. **No Sandblasting!**)
- Consider unique qualities of the individual building within the context of the Blakely Court Square Historic District.

Qualified projects may include: facade repairs and rehabilitation, restoration of architectural features, structural stabilization of facades, masonry cleaning (only by gentlest means possible- **No Sandblasting**), exterior repainting (**painting of bare unpainted brick is not eligible**), exterior walls/materials, awnings and canopies.

Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to: signs, gutters and downspouts, roofs, interior improvements of any type, security systems, general maintenance other than painting, personal property/equipment.

GRANT GUIDELINES

- ❑ Funding is available only to commercial properties located within the Blakely Court Square Historic District.
- ❑ Once approved, the project must be completed according to the design submitted on the Facade Grant application.
- ❑ The project must begin within 60 days of the award notice. **Work must not be started by or on behalf of the applicant prior to the date of the grant award; such beginning disqualifies an applicant from grant consideration.**
- ❑ Historic/architecturally significant buildings and visually prominent and economically blighted buildings will be given priority.
- ❑ Applicants seeking to re-paint the facade must utilize the historic preservation color palette approved by the City of Blakely Historic Preservation Commission (214 Court Square - Economic Development Office).

- Applicants seeking to install a new awning or replace the canvas of an existing frame must provide samples of the canvas/fabric/metal when submitting the application.
- Reimbursable project expenses are limited to the scope of work performed by licensed contractors. **Labor incurred by property owners is not eligible for reimbursement, only materials used in the project.**

PAYMENT OF GRANT AWARDS

Payment of grant awards will be made as reimbursements for project expenses (see table on page 1). All expenses must be documented. In order to receive reimbursement for the expenses the property owner who has received a facade grant must provide the Downtown Development Authority of Blakely with the following:

- Documentation that the project has been completed, including final contractor invoices and canceled checks along with a final total of expenses.
- A site visit to confirm that the project was completed and that all work was done in compliance with approved plans.
- If completed work does not correspond with the grant application, then the Downtown Development Authority may reduce the grant amount based upon the cost of improvements not approved.

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*WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC
BLAKELY COURT SQUARE DISTRICT, ARCHITECTURE, AND HISTORY!*

Historic Blakely Court Square Facade Grant Application

CONTACT	Applicant
	Cell # Email
	Mailing

PROPERTY AND PROJECT	Property Owner
	Property Address
	Cell # Email
	Project Description: <i>Check only one + add brief description</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Awning <input type="checkbox"/> Building located within interior of block <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Building Start Date: _____ Completion _____

APPLICATION

- Application fully completed
- Photograph of existing building
- Paint and awning Fabric/Tin samples
- Budget Summary attached

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated Cost of Project: \$ _____
(Please attach detailed budget summary)

Amount of Façade Grant: \$ _____

Applicant Signature certifies that all information presented above is accurate and true.

