

Downtown Spruce Pine Façade Grant Program

Background

The Façade Grant Program was established to encourage the renovation of the district's existing buildings as well as promote and encourage new business. Funding is provided by an appropriation made possible by the Spruce Pine Town Council.

Grant Funds

Grants are given on a 50-50 matching basis with a maximum town participation of \$2,000.00 per façade project.

Use of Funds

Grants are awarded for tangible and permanent façade improvements, inclusive of the following:

1. Restoration/Renovation of building front*
2. Awnings
3. Painting
4. Lighting

*Facades, which may include front, side, and/or rear, if highly visible from a street, may be eligible for a grant.

Although routine maintenance does not qualify for reimbursement, a significant visual improvement to the façade of the building may be approved at the discretion of the Town Council.

Please note: Signage does not apply.

Application

Individual interested in applying for a Façade Grant shall complete and submit an application to the Spruce Pine Town Manager's Office.

All applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis. The Town Manger will present completed applications to the Town Council at their next scheduled meeting. Based upon application received and the funds available a vote will be taken.

Restrictions

1. Property for which Façade Grants are being applied must be commercial and within the Main Street Program geographical description.
2. All property taxes must be current.
3. Projects must be completed within (90) days after the approval of the Façade Grant. (Unless an extension is approved by the Spruce Pine Town Council.)
4. A property owner support letter for tenant-sponsored projects must be received with application.
5. An application may be submitted only once every five years on any given building.
6. Grant funds will be issued upon completion of work and proof of cost of work completed. This check will be issued on the next Accounts Payable run.

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Property and Address: _____

Current/Proposed Use of Property: _____

Applicant: _____

_____ Owner _____ Tenant*

*If tenant is applying a property owner support letter is required.

Mailing address of applicant: _____

Telephone # of applicant: _____

Description of Project (Please provide as much detail and estimated costs as possible.) _____

I, _____, agree to undertake my façade grant project in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Downtown Spruce Pine Façade Grant Program. I further agree that if I undertake my façade grant prior to receiving notification from the Town of Spruce Pine that the grant funds will be awarded that I will be doing so at my own risk and that I will not hold the Town of Spruce Pine or any of its representatives responsible. I further certify that my façade grant project is in compliance with all city, state, and federal laws, regulations, ordinances, codes, taxes, etc.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____