

CURRAHEE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME (Type or Print) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

BUILDING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

TENANT NAME _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

If building is not occupied, what is its proposed use? _____

Brief description of project _____

Estimated cost of Improvements: _____ Grant Amount Requested: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Two itemized cost estimates (required).
2. Letter of consent from property owner, if tenant is applying for grant (required).
3. Any drawings or architect's plans for project.
4. Photograph of building.
5. Other requirements needed depending on the project. Please check with the Community Development Office (ex: abatement reports for demolitions, greenspace agreements, etc.).

I, the undersigned, understand that the grant must be used for the project described in this application. I have read the requirements, agree to follow them and will adhere to the decision of the DDA.

Signature (Owner) _____ Date _____

For office use: Amount Approved _____ Date Approved _____ Required Completion Date _____

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PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

*For more information, contact
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CURRAHEE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM MISSION

To encourage new or existing property owners to improve the appearance of properties along Currahee Street or other properties that contribute to the overall beautification goals of the Toccoa City Commission.

What are the requirements?

- Work must be pre-approved by the DDA.
- Project allowances are to be based on 50% of the total beautification project costs, with a maximum of \$5,000.
- Properties must be located along Currahee Street from the City limits on the west to Orlando Drive on the east. Properties off Currahee Street will be allowed on a case-by-case basis as they reflect the beautification goals of the City Commission.
- Properties in the Historic District can take advantage of EITHER a Beautification Grant or Façade Grant ONLY.
- Eligible properties must be used for commercial purposes (or intended for that use, if currently vacant).
- Documentation and signature of contractor of cost required.
- Before and after photos required.
- Building or demolition permit must be obtained after project grant approval.
- Applicant must be current with all city taxes, business license fees and other applicable city fees.

What are the qualifications?

- Only one beautification project will be eligible per location. Buildings may be eligible for funding if new owner (s) purchase the property.
- No grants are available for past projects.
- The grant will be awarded after project is complete.
- Funds are available for exterior improvements, and may be applied to a front, side, or rear façade.

- Funds are available for demolition projects which would include the labor to remove the structure, abatement and inspection, and disposal fees.
- Funds are available for greenspace development.
- Due to limited available funds, the DDA will process applications in the order they are received; subject to availability.
- Failure to complete projects within four months of approval date will result in loss of approved funds.

What type of project is eligible?

Any project that will significantly improve the visibility of the property. Examples of qualified projects include, but are not limited to, awnings, exterior building painting, window, door and storefront feature renovation, and other façade-oriented repairs and improvements. Greenspace development and demolition projects are also eligible. Note that a demolition project cannot qualify as a historic property. Greenspace development examples of qualified projects include planting of trees, landscape, materials, etc. An agreement to maintain green space must also be executed.

What type of project is not covered?

Funds may not be used for interior renovations, roof-related expenses, structural repairs unless directly

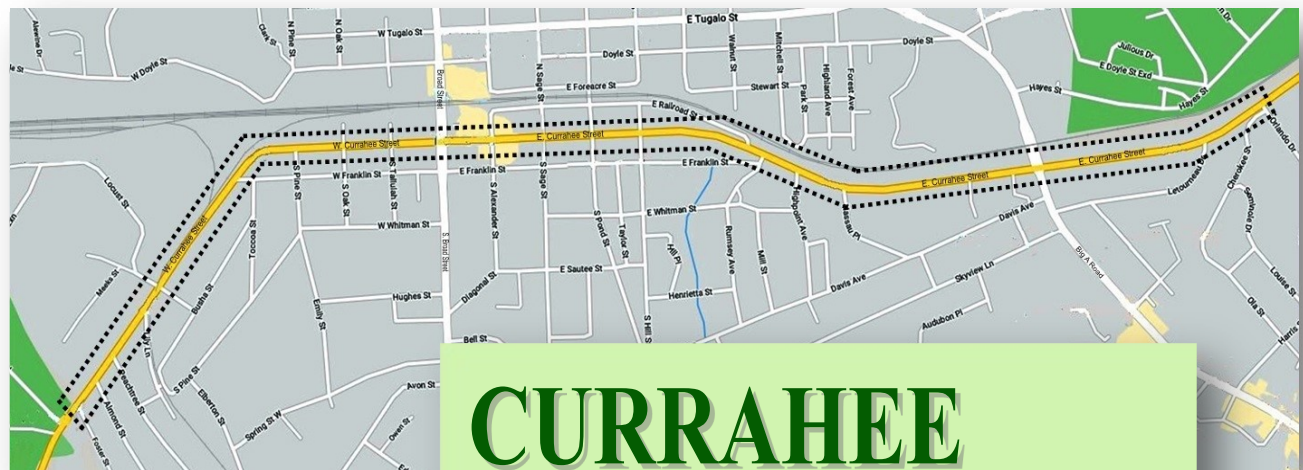
related to façade improvement, signs, loan refinancing, sidewalk improvements, and other property improvements. General maintenance such as roof repair, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, storm window and doors, etc., are not included. The DDA will make final determination if the expense is or is not property oriented.

What help is available to me?

- At no charge the Historic Preservation Consultant will visit with you and provide a drawing illustrating your building's storefront renovation, as well as a workplan, which will meet design guidelines.
- The City of Toccoa and DDA provides staff to assist in planning your project and answer any additional questions you may have.
- Waive building and demolition permit fees.

What must I do to obtain grant?

- Complete the application form and return it to the Community Development Office.
- The DDA will review your application and notify you of their decision within 30 days in written form.



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