

GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Project Property Address

Property Owner's Name

Tenant's Name & Business

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Mailing Address

Applicant's Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please attach the following with this Application:

1. Color photographs clearly showing the existing condition of the proposed area of improvement.
2. Written specifications outlining the scope of the work.
3. Sketch or scaled drawings showing proposed renovations.
4. Written plans for proposed improvements to the building and proposed timeframe for such work.
5. Samples of all paint colors and awning fabrics to be used if applicable.
6. Proposed budget and licensed contractor's cost estimates. Please provide a copy of his/her North Carolina Contractor's License number if applicable.
7. Written permission from the property owner if applicable.

Written approval from the Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Department that the project meets zoning requirements.

Total Cost of Improvements: \$ _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date of Application: _____

Incomplete Applications will be returned.

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING GRANT

Grant applications may be submitted to the Town of Wallace Historic District Commission (WHDC) at any time. Due to funding cycles, the awarding of grants is based on funding availability, and are awarded annually. Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants until all funds are expended.*

1. Pre-Application consultation with Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Department is required.
2. The property owner or business owner submits a completed grant application, photographs, and drawings to the Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Department. The package must be complete in order to qualify for funding.
3. Following submission, the property owner or business owner will have an opportunity to meet with an appointed WHDC member and the Wallace Planning & Community Development Department to discuss the project and answer questions.
4. The Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Department will provide a written report on the application to the WHDC and if approved, WHDC will recommend it to the Town Council for final approval. If the Town Council approves the proposal, a grant agreement will then be executed between the Town of Wallace and the applicant.
5. This is a reimbursement grant. Once the Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Department receives copies of all paid invoices, copies of checks showing proof of payment, and after the project has been inspected, grant funds will be disbursed.

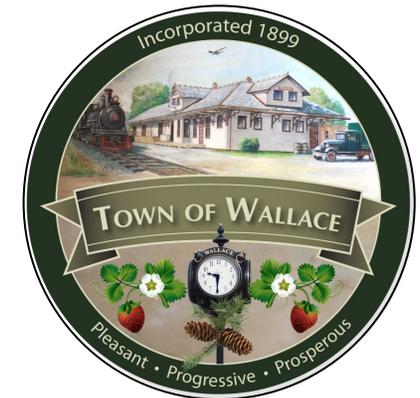


*Submitting a grant application does not guarantee funds will be awarded

TOWN OF WALLACE

Façade Enhancement Grant Program

A community development program established by the Town of Wallace under the authority of NCGS 160A-456 for the restoration or preservation of neighborhoods or properties or the prevention of blight.



For questions or to apply for the
Façade Enhancement Grant

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THE WALLACE FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Purpose

The grant program was created to encourage private investment through the renovation of facades in downtown Wallace; to encourage good design that will serve as quality examples; and to preserve the architectural character that is unique to Wallace.

Source of Funding

The program is made possible through an appropriation of the Town of Wallace Planning & Community Development Funds.

Eligibility

1. Any property owner or tenant of a building located within the downtown Wallace Commercial Historic District is eligible to apply. All real property taxes must be current and all projects must have an approved Certificate of Appropriateness from the Wallace Historic District Commission (WHDC).
2. Owners or tenants may request grant funds; however, tenants must submit the owner's written permission with their request.
3. WHDC may deem a property previously receiving a grant eligible if:
 - a. At least 3 years have elapsed since the last grant was awarded and the property is in need of further improvement, or
 - b. The existing business/property owner undergoes significant expansion which requires improvement to the property.

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Canvas-style awnings
- Paint removal from brick surfaces by chemical and water wash methods only
- Tuck-pointing of brick, masonry repair, and/or cleaning
- Repair cornices
- Repair/replacement of windows and doors with compatible materials and design
- Removing false facades and other inappropriate additions
- Pedestrian friendly enhancements

Guidelines

1. All proposals must conform to all applicable zoning and building codes and other regulations.
2. Rehabilitation of a structure in the designated area should be considered a contemporary solution which respects the architectural and historical integrity of the entire building while retaining those elements that enhance the building.
3. Any improvements made through the Façade Enhancement Grant Program may not be removed for a period of five (5) years from completion of the project.
4. All projects must be completed within 120 days of the date that the grant is awarded or the funds may be rescinded. Any extension beyond 120 days must be requested by the owner and approved by the WHDC.
5. Façade grants may only be used to finance exterior improvements.

6. The Façade Enhancement Grant Program is for existing buildings only and is not intended for buildings set to be demolished within five years.
7. Upon completion, the project will be inspected by the Town of Wallace Planning and Community Development Department and/or the WHDC for determination of compliance with the approved application.
8. The Town may require an architectural review of a proposed project prior to deciding on an application.

Criteria

Grants are awarded on a 50/50 matching basis as follows:

1. A maximum grant of \$1000.00 per façade design. The actual award will be recommended by the WHDC to the Wallace Town Council.
2. Proposals will be evaluated in terms of compliance with existing ordinances, innovation, context with surround environments, scale, size, horticultural value, technical merit, and any other criteria that relates to the project and the impact on the visual and functional improvement to the district.
3. If a building is sold after the funding has been approved, then the new owner has to accept the terms of the agreement in writing.

