



2018-2019 Façade Grant Program Overview

The façade grant program provides matching funds for exterior improvements to historic non-residential structures. It is designed to provide incentive funds to property owners in the Historic District to encourage rehabilitation downtown. It promotes the beautification of the Historic District and its importance to the history of Graham and its residents. Applications for funding are approved by the Historic Resources Commission (HRC). Examples of improvements include:

- Removing of false fronts and metal canopies
- Safe cleaning of brick and stone fronts
- Sign replacements
- Canvas awning installation
- Window and door repairs or replacements
- Repainting
- Structural repair to exterior
- Historic reconstructions
- Store front reconstruction
- Tuck point mortar joints
- Stain brick to match existing
- Roof vents on store face
- Exterior lighting
- Relocate electrical wiring

Who is Eligible?

Owners or tenants of non-residential properties in the Courthouse Square Historic District are eligible to apply. Tenants must include a signed letter of permission from the property owner as part of their application.



Funding and Renovation Guidelines

This is a cost reimbursement program. Projects are funded on a 50-50 matching basis, with the maximum City contribution being \$5,000. The Commission may also choose to support only a portion of a project by providing matching funds to complete that part of the project. The applicant's match may include funding from other sources. Only one grant per year can be awarded to a property.

This program applies solely to exterior improvements. All proposals must follow the City's building code requirements. All renovations on buildings over 30 years old must follow the [HRC Design Guidelines](#).

This program is administered by the City of Graham's Historic District Commission and the Planning Department.

What is a Façade?

A façade is one side of a building regardless of the number of stories. Each store front of a building can be considered a façade. The rear of a building may also be considered for a façade grant with priority given to the front of the building.

How to Apply

To be considered for funding, a complete application packet must be received by the Planning Department no later than **5:00pm on Monday, September 24, 2018**. A complete application packet includes:

- A completed Façade Grant Application
- A completed [Certificate of Appropriateness \(COA\) Application](#)
- An existing photo of the building or structure
- Drawings, sketches or pictures showing the proposed renovations
- At least two itemized cost estimates

Complete application packets should be sent to Alexa Powell at planner@cityofgraham.com or at 201 S Main St, Graham, NC 27253.

What if my application is approved?

After approval, the applicant has until May 1, 2019 to complete the project. If more time is needed, a written request for an extension with a reasonable explanation must be submitted to the Planning Department.

Applicants will receive reimbursement once the project is completed, it is inspected and approved by the City's Inspections and Planning Departments, and paid receipts are submitted to the Planning Department. Any renovation work completed prior to an application being approved by the Historic Resources Commission will not be eligible for reimbursement.

For more information or questions, contact Alexa at planner@cityofgraham.com or 336-570-6705.



2018-2019 Façade Grant Program Application

Property Information	Applicant Information
Street Address:	Name:
Tax Parcel ID#:	Phone Number:
Owner's Name:	Email:
Use of Building:	Relationship to Property <i>(check one)</i> :
Business Name <i>(if applicable)</i> :	Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant/Business Owner <input type="checkbox"/>

Description of Proposed Façade Renovation

Write a succinct description below and attach 1) an existing photo of the building and 2) a drawing, sketch or picture of the proposed renovations, specifically identifying changes and paint color for each detail of the building. Please also attach a completed Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Application which is sufficiently detailed for the Commission to evaluate the proposal.

Total Estimated Cost *(lowest bid quote)*: \$ _____ Attach at least two itemized cost estimates for proposed work.

Checklist for a Complete Application

- ☐ I have read the City of Graham Façade Grant Program Overview and fully understand the agreement.
- ☐ I have met with the City Building Inspector. My project [does ☐ / does not ☐- ☐ I have complied with the [HRC Design Guidelines](#) which are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation. (Building is not over 30 years old ☐)
- ☐ I have completed a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Application which is sufficiently detailed for the Commission to evaluate the proposal.
- ☐ The owner's written and signed permission is attached, if applicant is not owner. (Not applicable ☐)
- ☐ An existing picture of the building and a drawing, sketch and/or picture of the proposed renovation are attached.
- ☐ At least two itemized project cost estimates are attached.

I understand that the City of Graham Façade Grant Program must be used in the manner described in this application, and the application must be approved by the Graham Historic District Commission prior to commencement of any project. **I understand** that failure to comply with the approved application may result in a forfeiture of all grant funds. I understand it is the applicant's responsibility to meet deadlines and request reimbursement on or before May 1, 2019.

Applicant Signature

Date



Application for a CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

P.O. Drawer 357
201 South Main Street
Graham, NC 27253
(336) 570-6705
Fax (336) 570-6703
www.cityofgraham.com

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) processes applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for (1) any changes in the external appearance of existing structures; (2) design of new structures; and (3) demolition of existing structures, within locally designated historic districts or landmarks. Regulations for Certificates of Appropriateness can be found in Article IV, Division 10, Historic Resources, of the *Development Ordinance*.

Property

Street Address: _____

Property Owner: _____

Project

General description of each modification or improvement:

If a site plan is required, has it been submitted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there any approval pending by any other regulatory or administrative authority which may have a bearing on the proposed project? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please specify:

EXHIBITS: This application **must be accompanied** by sketches, drawings, photographs, specifications, descriptions, etc. of the proposed project, which must be sufficiently detailed for the Commission to evaluate the proposal. **See the back of this application for a checklist of required exhibits.** There are 5 for signs, 6 for minor alterations, and 10 for new construction, additions or major alterations.

Applicant

Name: _____

☐ Property Owner ☐ Lessee Other _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

I, the applicant, hereby make application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a ☐ Sign ☐ Minor Alteration
☐ New Construction, Addition or Major Alteration

I, the applicant, understand that this application cannot be processed unless and until it is complete, including all required exhibits, and it has been submitted at least 10 calendar days before the Commission meeting.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Owner, when applicable _____ Date _____

Representation at HRC Meeting

Who will represent the applicant at the HRC meeting?
Should have the authority to commit the applicant to make changes that may be suggested or required by the Commission.

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

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Received by:	Remarks:
Received date:	
Tax Map #	
HRC date:	

Exhibits Required for an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness

- ☐ 1. **A location or vicinity map** clearly showing the location of the project within the immediate neighborhood.
- ☐ 2. **Current color photographs** of the property showing its present condition, which accurately represents the existing material, colors and textures. In addition, color photographs of all adjacent sites, buildings and other improvements clearly showing the style and character of the area. Such photographs shall accurately represent all colors and textures of the various materials of adjacent improvements. All photographs shall be labeled to indicate the direction of view.

for Signs

- ☐ 3. **Colored elevations**, drawn to scale, showing the size of the sign in relation to the building, the location of the sign, all details of construction, colors and textures; complete with dimensions showing ground clearance, length, height, width and projection.
- ☐ 4. **A large scale drawing** showing the size of the sign, details of construction, materials, colors, lighting, size-style and spacing of letters, method of support, and proposed materials and finishes, noted and keyed to the physical samples required in Exhibit 5.
- ☐ 5. **Physical samples** of all materials proposed for use on the sign, labeled and keyed to the large scale drawing required in Exhibit 4.

Types and kinds of improvements to be considered **minor:*

1. Repainting resulting in a different color.
2. Addition or deletion of awnings, shutters, canopies and similar appurtenances.
3. Application or use of exterior materials of a different kind, type, color or texture than those already in use, which will substantially cover one or more sides of the structure. This provision applies to roofing as well as siding.
4. All improvements, alterations and renovations which can be accomplished without obtaining a building permit.
5. Outside storage which does not require structure changes, such as a car sales lot.

*^Types and kinds of improvements to be considered **major**:*

1. Construction of a new building or auxiliary structure.
2. Any addition or alteration of an existing structure which increases the square footage in that structure or otherwise alters its size, height, contour or outline.
3. Change or alteration of a structure's architectural style.
4. Addition or removal of one or more stories.
5. Alteration of a roof line.
6. Landscaping.
7. All other items as defined in the ordinance.

for Minor* and New/Major^

- ☐ 3. **Colored elevations**, drawn to scale, of all sides showing complete architectural details and including all exterior equipment and appurtenances located on the roof, in the walls and on the ground. All existing and proposed materials and finishes shall be identified, noted on the elevations, and keyed to the samples required in Exhibit 4. Colored elevations shall be prepared at the largest practical scale. *For new/major*, the elevations should show accurately the placement of landscaping elements (showing their size and shape) where they are in close proximity to any structure.
- ☐ 4. **Physical samples** of all materials, items or devices to be installed, accurately showing color, texture and scale. All samples shall be identified by listing the manufacturer's name, brand name and manufacturer's color number, and keyed to the elevations required in Exhibit 3.
- ☐ 5. **Manufacturer's catalog data** (if applicable) on all mail boxes, trash receptacles or containers, signs, transformers, air conditioning equipment and other visible devices and materials showing size, form, quantity, color, type of material, height, location and method of installation.

for Minor*

- ☐ 6. **A colored site plan** of the property showing proposed storage area and proposed method of screening. If landscaped, the plan shall define size, location and species of plant material. If other screening is proposed, materials shall be identified, typical samples shall be submitted, and the plan shall show a cross-section of a typical section drawn to scale.

for New/Major^

- ☐ 6. **A site plan** of the property, identical to the site plan required by the Planning Dept.
- ☐ 7. **A colored landscaping plan** clearly showing the size, location and species of all plant material. A schedule showing the type of plant, number, size at installation (height and spread), size at maturity (height and spread) and time required to reach maturity. In addition, the plan shall show any exterior lighting, provisions for trash storage and removal, location of air conditioning equipment, transformers, signs, fences or walls, and any other equipment or construction. This plan should be similar in size and scale to the site plan in Exhibit 6.
- ☐ 8. **Manufacturer's catalog data** or other material showing each type of exterior light fixture, its size, shape, lighting characteristics, color, type of mounting, type of pole and height of pole-mounted lights.
- ☐ 9. **A colored perspective rendering** (when requested) showing the form, style and scale of the project, all rooftop equipment and screening proposed, signs, landscaping and other architectural features. Such rendering shall be accurate as to both scale and color of representation.
- ☐ 10. **A set of floor plans and details** showing the location of entrances, windows, halls, rooftop equipment, etc.