



## Columbiana Main Street

### Façade Grant Program

Columbiana Main Street is pleased to announce a façade improvement and building restoration grant opportunity! Funds of up to \$30,000 are available for existing commercial buildings in the Columbiana Main Street District. Business and commercial property owners may apply for matching grants of 50% of their project cost (\$5,000 maximum) to enhance the appearance of street facing building exteriors. The goal is a vibrant, visually appealing downtown area with historic structures that have been preserved or restored for business enhancement.

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- May be property owners or business tenants with written permission of the building owner
- Located within the Columbiana Main Street District boundaries (see map on last page)
- Have 50% funding for project available from other sources
- Must be a dues-paying member of Columbiana Main Street in good standing at the time of application and commit to remaining so for 3 calendar years after completion of work
- Business must be in good standing with the City of Columbiana

#### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- New projects – not completed or begun prior to grant approval
- Street facing exterior improvements in keeping with the architectural and historical characteristics of the building including, but not limited to:
  - Paint – exterior, historically appropriate colors
  - Windows and doors – repair or replace
  - Exterior lighting
  - Awnings – new, repair, or replacement
  - New signage
  - Brick – cleaning or repair
  - Removal of non-historic materials
  - Other repairs and/or renovations that will improve and help to restore the aesthetic quality and historic significance and value of the building
- Please note: Materials, colors, signage, etc. must be approved by both the Columbiana Main Street Design Committee and City of Columbiana Architectural Review Committee before any construction begins.

#### ***Ineligible projects/expenses include:***

- *New construction*
- *Interior renovations*
- *Removal of historically or architecturally significant features*
- *Sandblasting of brick or masonry surfaces*
- *Projects begun or expenses incurred before approval of Main Street grant application*
- *Wages paid to applicant or family members.*

**Main Street District:**



**Questions?**

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**Application Deadline:**

**December 1, 2021**

**Submit completed applications and  
supporting documentation to:**

**Columbiana Main Street**

**110 Mildred Street**

**Columbiana, AL 35051**

**or email to:**

**[mainstreet@cityofcolumbiana.com](mailto:mainstreet@cityofcolumbiana.com)**

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Submit the completed application and supporting materials to Columbiana Main Street prior to the application deadline (December 1, 2021).
2. Supporting materials include: photo(s) of the current building street front, concept drawing(s) or other rendering(s) to show the intended project outcome, project budget with description of the source of matching funds, signed permission from the property owner if required, and timeline for completion of the project.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Once a grant is awarded, all applicable review committees (Main Street Design Committee, and City of Columbiana Architectural Design Review Committee) must approve the specific improvements before the work is begun.
4. Projects will be awarded by February 1, 2022. Projects should be completed within 3 months of the grant approval date (by May 1, 2022).
5. A written report with pictures and expenditures is to be submitted to Columbiana Main Street upon completion of the project to obtain reimbursement.



## Façade Grant Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Renter \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Columbiana Main Street Member? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of improvements: (Describe your proposed improvements in detail.)

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Matching Grant Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum \$5,000)

Estimated total cost of improvements: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Grant is limited to no more than 50% of total cost.)

Source of matching funds (cash on hand, loans, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

What is the proposed timeline for implementation of your project? \_\_\_\_\_.



1. I understand that all applications will be reviewed by representatives appointed by Columbiana Main Street, and all projects recommended for grant funding will require approval by the Board of Directors and other applicable committees.
2. If I am not the property owner, I have included a notarized statement of written approval of the proposed improvements from the property owner.
3. I understand the work must be completed within 3 months of the grant notification (by May 1, 2022), and a report submitted to and approved by Columbiana Main Street before expense reimbursements are made.
4. I grant permission for Columbiana Main Street and/or the City of Columbiana to use photographs of and information about the property and improvements made with funding from this grant in promotional materials and social media.
5. I understand I am responsible for ongoing maintenance of the improvements.

Full Name (print/type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The following must be submitted with this application:

1. Quotes, cost estimates, itemized material costs, etc. to further support your request.
2. Photos of the current building from the street front.
3. A concept drawing or other rendering to show intended project outcome.
4. Color swatches of paint colors.
5. Project budget with description of the source of matching funds.
6. Signed permission from the building owner, if required.
7. A timeline for the completion of the project.

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Date Received:	
Date of Review:	
Determination of Committee:	APPROVED / DENIED
Funding Granted:	\$
Main Street Design Committee Approval Date:	
Columbiana Architectural Design Review Committee Approval Date:	