



Facade Improvement Grant Application

Name: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Owner's Name if you Rent your property: _____

Owner's Phone Number: _____

If the building is not yet occupied, what is its proposed use?

Brief Description of Project: _____

Attach additional sheets or pictures if necessary.

Please provide:

-Contractor's cost estimate.

-Letter of consent from property owner if applicant is a tenant.

-Samples of Paint Colors to be used on the facade if the project includes painting.

-Approved Certificate of Appropriateness from the Ocilla Historic Preservation Commission.

-Applications are subject to approval by the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority Board. Applications submitted after work has been completed will not be considered. Applications are restricted to one application per address every eight years.

Property improvements must be completed within 6 months of approval of grant or money must be paid back to the DDA.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mail to or Drop off at Ocilla City Hall:

Ocilla DDA P.O. Box 626 Ocilla, GA 31774

The Facade Improvement Grant seeks to assist businesses in the Downtown Ocilla district in order to improve the appearance of individual building facades, awnings, as well as the overall historic look of the downtown district. All updates must conform with current codes, historic preservation standards, and be performed with licensed contractors and businesses. Principal facades can be the front, side, or rear of the building as long as improvements are facing a public right of way.

Maximum Awards:

The program provides a 50% reimbursement based off eligible work estimates, invoices and receipts to businesses located within the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Ocilla boundaries, as noted on the DDA Map. Grants are available up to \$2,000.00 in matching funds. Applications must be submitted **prior** to work commencing

Eligible Expenses:

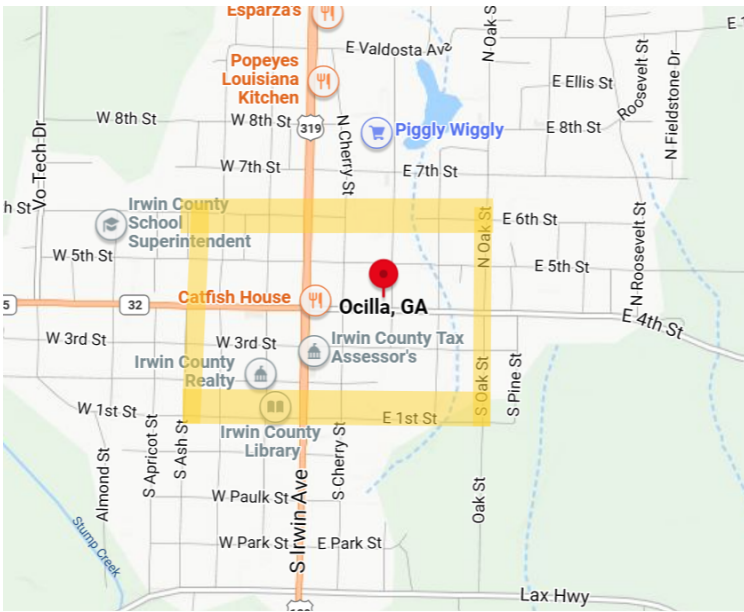
- Exterior cleaning/painting or paint removal/masonry repair
- Window repair/replacement
- New awning/rehab existing
- Rehab or reconstruction storefront
- Removal metal siding/exterior slip covers

Eligible Applicants:

Any property owner or store proprietor/tenant with a valid lease as well as authority from the owner can apply for funding. Property must be located within the Downtown Business District which is 1st. St. to 6th St. and Ash St. to Oak St. Property owners can only apply for a Façade Grant once every eight (8) years.

Application Process:

Download the application from the City of Ocilla website and submit it to the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority prior to beginning work on the upgrades. Applications can be dropped off at City Hall or emailed to the city clerk. Applications are also available at City Hall **Note:** The Ocilla Downtown District has been designated a historical district and most buildings within the district are considered historical. As such, a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) must be obtained from the Ocilla Historic Preservation prior to altering the appearance of the exterior of a building designated historic.



Ocilla DDA boundaries are from 1st St. to 6th St. and Ash St. to Oak St.

For DDA Use:
Date Received: _____

COA Attached: _____

Action Taken / Amount Awarded: _____

Date of Award: _____

Signature of DDA Board Member: _____