

Façade Assistance

Bessemer Downtown Development Authority

Objective:

Rehabilitate and improve buildings in the downtown district of Bessemer while also supporting businesses and business owners in the downtown district.

Guidelines:

Building must be within the DDA district.

Grant funds are limited to \$3,500 per building and are paid as reimbursement.

Must match funds 1:1 (Every \$1 spent by private owner is matched \$1 from DDA).

Eligible improvements and expenses include:

Windows, doors, awnings, accents

Signage attached to the building

Paint for the exterior of buildings

Exterior lighting if attached to the building

Restoration or preservation of historical identifying features

Materials and labor

Repairs and expenses that are approved on a case-by-case basis include:

Site improvements

Other repairs or improvements to the exterior of the building

Ineligible improvements and expenses include:

Work done inside of the building

Security cameras or other technology

Improvements that could be removed from the building as personal property

Roof repair/replacement that does not improve/alter the building appearance

Work completed before application approval