

# City of Jesup Commercial Facade Grant Program

## Program Goals

- Preserve historic character of buildings that contribute to the identity of Jesup.
- Improve the visual appearance of the city's business districts.
- Encourage private investment in commercial properties.
- Support economic development and attract new businesses.
- Protect property values by encouraging building maintenance and rehabilitation.
- Improve safety and building conditions by addressing deteriorating facade elements.

## Grant Amount

- Grant provides 40% reimbursement of total project cost
- Maximum grant award: \$40,000 per property
- Funds are provided after project completion and submission of documentation such as invoices and receipts.

## Eligible Properties

- 500–700 blocks of Young Street
- 700–900 blocks of 6th Street
- 700 block of 7th Street
- 1300 block of 6th Street
- 600–900 blocks of South Street

## Eligible Improvements

- Repair or restoration of historic architectural features
- Masonry repair and tuckpointing
- Repair or replacement of windows, doors, and storefront elements
- Installation or replacement of awnings
- Sign installation or improvement
- Accessibility improvements such as entry ramps
- Other improvements that enhance the building's appearance.

## Application Process

- Applications open July 1 each year
- Applications received by September 30 are reviewed by a City Council appointed committee in October
- Selected applications move to a secondary review which includes building inspection and design review
- If approved, the City and applicant enter into a grant agreement
- Grant funds are provided after the project is completed and verified by the City.

## Project Requirements

- Projects must comply with the City of Jesup Design Guidelines
- Work must begin within 6 months of grant approval
- Projects must be completed within 12 months
- Work must be completed by licensed contractors
- A building permit is required (permit fee will be waived)