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FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Farmville Downtown Partnership to Fund Façade Renovations

The Farmville Downtown Partnership's (FDP) Design Committee is pleased to announce that seven buildings have been chosen for Façade Improvement Grants using the Virginia Main Street Program's Downtown Investment Grant. The Partnership was awarded the \$50,000 grant last Fall and is required to match the funds with \$25,000 of in-kind donations with volunteer time and cash.

The first step of the project was to create a Design Guidelines Booklet that outlines the significance of Farmville's historic downtown buildings and gives a visual synopsis of historic renovation practices and the local sign ordinance. This booklet is available to the public in a digital version at www.farmvilledowntown.com.

The next step was to invite applications for grant funding. By the deadline of January 16, FDP received twelve applications. The Design Committee reviewed applications on January 25, and after securing additional information on several projects, is pleased to announce the awards:

308 North Main Street – Poplar Sips and ACCN LLC – Replace second floor windows with replicated wood windows and paint exterior trim with new color palette

214 North Main Street – Harlan L. Horton PC – Repoint masonry, repair damaged wood and second floor windows, repaint exterior trim

225 North Main Street – Kairos Counseling - Replace awning.

140 North Main Street – Kiss of Ink - Paint exterior in historic colors to enhance the architectural character of the building and add second floor mural to show historic features of the building.

136-138 North Main Street – Kamp Hiraya and Southern and Wild - Paint exterior in historic colors to show architectural character of the building and reopen windows on second floor (windows are not a part of the grant award)

117 North Main Street – Terri Atkins Wilson, PC – Paint front façade to show architectural character of the building

108-110 4th Street – Dr. Diane Aslanis - Paint exterior trim and add an awning and install new panels above and below storefront windows.

All property owners will be required to match the grant award by at least 2:1, meaning that for every \$2 of grant money, they will be required to invest \$1. It is anticipated that renovation projects will begin this spring and must be completed by early September.

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