



Town of Denton Jobs and Business Creation Program and Business Beautification

To improve and enhance the quality of life for the people of the Town of Denton, the Town of Denton Board of Commissioners has developed a Jobs and Business Creation Program and a Downtown Beautification Policy. Only businesses located within the Town Limits are eligible to receive the incentives and grants.

The total amount of all payments to any one business at the same location shall be \$5,000.00.

The program is more particularly described as follows:

1. Utility Service

Any new business may receive a grant from the general fund of the Town in an amount equal to three months of the minimum monthly bill for water, sewer and trash/garbage pickup services. The purpose of this grant is to increase the enterprise fund by the attraction of new customers to the Town's utilities systems. The new business must be documented with a Federal Identification Number or a North Carolina sales tax number. The business must remain in existence for a period of six months from the time of the grant. *The grant shall be paid after the business has been in operation for six months.*

2. New Jobs

Any business, whether an existing or new business, that adds a full-time employee of 35 hours per week or more within the Town limits may be eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$500.00 per employee hired. To qualify, the salary of the newly hired employee must be above the median wage for Davidson County as published by the NC Department of Commerce, and the amount of the salary shall be documented in a manner satisfactory to the Town Manager. Any employee positions created must remain filled for six months from the hire date. At the end of the six-month period, the Town grant will be paid upon documentation by the business to the effect that the employee was hired, was employed for the full six months, and was paid above the median wage for Davidson County.

3. Commercial and Industrial Construction

A grant may be awarded for the construction of each new business building within the Town limits or the new use of an existing business building, adding jobs and becoming a Town utility customer. The grant will be in an amount equal to the prevailing fee for a water and sewer tap that was paid in advance by the utility customer. These grants will be paid from the general fund after the builder or owner of the newly constructed business has advanced the payments of these expenses and has received a Certificate of Occupancy for the completed structure.

4. Restoration and Renovation

A grant is available for property owners who make permanent changes to their existing properties to improve the appearance of these buildings, and also to enlarge and improve them. The amount of the grant will be based upon the increase to tax value due to the improvements as documented by the Davidson County Tax Department. A grant in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the increased tax value will be paid annually for five years, after the total tax for that year has been advanced by the property owner. The Denton Planning Board will accept applications and award the grants. Sketches and estimates will be submitted with the application for the Planning Board for review and approval. Written authorization of the improvements by the building owner must be submitted to the Planning Board. Invoices will be submitted to the Town for verification prior to payment of the grant.

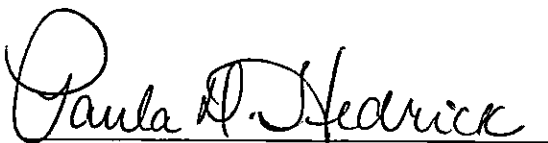
5. Business Beautification

A Commercial Beautification Grant is established to improve the appearance of the Denton Businesses. Grants of up to \$1,000.00 are available to a qualifying project to improve the exterior appearance of businesses through investment in new and improved paint, signs, awnings, and the like. These grants will be approved by the Town of Denton Planning Board, which will accept applications. Prior approval of the project must be obtained before the work begins, or the project will not be eligible for the grant. If the Business owner does not own the property, written permission from the owner of the property must be provided with the grant application. The business owner is required to provide receipts for the approved improvements. All grants will be paid after at completion.

The Board of Commissioners will award all grants except the Restoration and Renovation grants and the Downtown Beatification grants. All grants will require a public hearing, to be called for by the Town Board and conducted before the respective board that is the granting authority. The public hearing will be noticed by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town ten days prior to the hearing. Each grant application approved by the Town Board or the Planning Board will require an agreement between the Town and the applicant setting out the terms of the grant award, the public purpose to be achieved and the necessity of the grant in securing the new jobs, businesses or utilities customers and any increased tax base. The agreement will specifically set forth that in no case will a grant be advanced to the grantee prior to the fulfillment of the requirements of the grant and the advance of the appropriate expense or payment as set described above.

Approved this the 3rd day of March 2025.

Retroactive to January 1st, 2024.


Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk


Larry Ward, Mayor

3/3/2025



Jobs and Business Creation Program and Business Beautification Grant Application

Name of Applicant

Address

Mailing Address if Different

Phone Number

Email Address

Davidson County Parcel Number/Pin Id

Are you the property owner?
If not, please provide the property
owner's name and phone number.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Which Grant are you applying for:

1. Utility Service	
2. New Jobs	
3. Commercial and Industrial Construction	
4. Restoration and Renovation	
5. Business Beautification	

Please provide a scope of the project:

Projected start date _____

How long to complete the project? _____

How would this Grant help with your project? _____

Each application will be reviewed by the designated Board(s). Award of the grant can depend on the availability of budgeted funds for the grants.

Please provide as much information as possible regarding your project.

By signing this application, I understand that this application is not a guarantee of funding for the above stated project.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Date received at Town Hall _____

	Date of Public Hearing	Approved/Denied	Amount Awarded
Planning Board			
Board of Commissioners			