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Façade Grant Update – As of October 25, 2022

Current Recipients:

- Whaley Hammonds & Tomasello - 722 Main Street
 - Awaiting new quotes for awnings.
- Jonesy's Place – 780 Main Street
 - Project under review by engineers. Requesting an extension.
 - Partial Grant Fund Disbursement – \$11,971.15 (5/18/2022)
- Georgia Utility Contractors Association – 804 Main Street
 - Updating sidewalk, landscaping, and ramp for ADA compliance. Work for this project started the week of 10/10/2022 and they are anticipating it will be complete by Thanksgiving weekend.
- Maaz Investments – 932 Main Street
 - Project complete. Installed a new awning, painted brick exterior, installed new windows, and repaved parking lot.
 - Grant funds disbursed on 10/24/2022.
- Klass6 Boutique & Showroom – 938 Main Street
 - Met with Planning & Community Development at the beginning of October for a preliminary review of planned improvements. In the process of getting on the agenda for a formal review by the Urban Design Review Board.
 - Request for partial grant funds to start project submitted to Finance.
- Jasber Plaza – 1105 Main Street
 - Notified of application approval. Meeting scheduled for 10/28/2022 to discuss project with Economic Development Project Manager.
- Cookiegrams of Georgia – 1124 Main Street
 - Project complete. Updated awning, fixed storefront window, and updated landscaping.
 - Grant funds disbursed on 6/10/2022.

New Applicants:

- Atlas Strength & Conditioning: 4931 Phillips Drive
 - Requesting funds for outdoor fitness space. See application for additional information.
 - Requesting maximum award (currently \$15,000.00)
- Tabejo Investments: 752 Main Street
 - Requesting funds to improve exterior of property and add an outdoor workspace. See application for additional information.
 - Requesting maximum award (\$15,000.00)

Explanation for Extension Request for 780 Main Street

Nachae Jones, owner of Jonesy's Place located at 780 Main Street, was approved for the Façade Grant Program in August 2021. Since then, she has run into issues with her contractor and her project plans, which led to the project stalling for several months. In February 2022, Ms. Jones hired a new contractor, who has been working to get her project started and is currently in communication with an engineer to ensure the proposed improvements will be structurally sound.

According to the Grant Acknowledgement Form, recipients have 6 months to start their project once it is approved by the board or they can be removed from the program at the discretion of the Development Authority.

The Economic Development Project Manager is recommending that Ms. Jones be given an additional 3 months to begin her project since she has run into several issues but has always been very communicative about what is going on with her project.