

# "Turn the Lights On"

## Grant Application



Georgia Power

# Americus Main Street “Turn the Lights On” Grant Application

## Checklist

Please assemble the application package in the sequence indicated below and label each item. Check off each item to ensure you are submitting:

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Two color photographs that show existing building conditions (required)
- ☐ Detailed sketches or drawings of the proposed improvements (including placement, dimensions and materials)
- ☐ Two bids on contractor letterhead (required)
- ☐ Additional information attached (optional)

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should meet with the Americus Main Street Director, Economic Vitality Chair, or Economic Vitality Committee in regards to their project. They must also be given approval from the Planning and Inspections Department before submitting their grant. This is not voluntary. Also the applicant must meet with the Planning and Inspections Department to check zoning and Building Fire Codes.

I have:

- ☐ Met and discussed my proposed project with
  - ☐ Americus Main Street Director (Patrick Kay)
  - ☐ Economic Vitality Committee Member
 Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Met with Planning and Inspection Department  
 Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant is the:

- ☐ Property Owner
- ☐ Business Owner
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the business been at the current location? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When does your current lease expire? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have the option to renew your lease? What are the terms?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's name (if different from applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Property owner's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you are not the property owner, please have the property owner or an authorized representative co-sign this application where indicated in the General Condition*

## Project Details

Please describe below in detail the proposed improvement to the property. The following *must* accompany this application (attach additional pages if necessary):

- Two color photographs that show existing building conditions
- Detailed sketches or drawings of the proposed improvements (including placement, dimensions and materials)
- Two bids on contractor letterhead

Description of proposed improvement (e.g., new wiring, what's being removed, lighting, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Proposed Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

How much funding assistance are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

In conjunction with this project, are you completing any other renovation/rehabilitation work to the property (interior or exterior)?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes

If answer is "yes" to above question, describe additional work: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of additional work to building: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Americus Main Street use only:**

**Scoring For Project:**

Impact (40%)	_____
Financial Leverage (10%)	_____
Sustainability/Permanence (30%)	_____
Community Contribution (20%)	_____
Total	_____

Americus Main Street

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Director)**

Committee

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Economic Vitality Chair)**

Board

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Board Chair)**



## General Conditions

- It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant shall be solely responsible for all safety conditions and compliance with all safety regulations, building codes, ordinances, and other applicable regulations.
- It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant shall hire a licensed electrical contractor and receive an electrical permit prior to any work on the building
- It is expressly understood and agreed that work completed prior to final approval is ineligible for funding.
- It is expressly understood and agreed that the applicant will not seek to hold Americus Main Street the City of Americus, or Georgia Power, and/or its agents, employees, officers and/or directors liable for any property damage, personal injury, or other loss relating in any way to the "Turn the Lights On" Grant.
- The applicant shall be responsible for maintaining valid and sufficient insurance coverage for property damage and personal injury liability relating to the "Turn the Lights On" Grant.
- The applicant agrees to maintain the property and improvements, including, but not limited to, promptly removing graffiti, trash, and sweeping and shoveling in front and around the property.
- The applicant agrees to return a pro-rated amount of the grant money received if the improvement is removed within two years.
- The applicant must begin the project within three months of being notified that they have been awarded the grant and must complete the electrical project within twelve months of beginning the project.
- The applicant authorizes Americus Main Street, to promote an approved project, including but not limited to displaying a sign at the site, during and after construction, and using photographs and descriptions of the project in Downtown Americus materials and press releases.
- The applicant has read and understands the 'Americus Main Street "Turn the Lights ON" Overview' document outlining program guidelines and procedures.
- The applicant understands that Americus Main Street reserves the right to make changes in conditions of the "Turn the Lights On" Grant as warranted.

**Signature of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is not the property owner, please have the property owner or an authorized representative review and co-sign this application below.

### Owner Authorization

As owner of the property (insert address) \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the above application and authorize operator of \_\_\_\_\_ at said address to perform the electrical improvements described above as part of the Americus Main Street "Turn the Lights On" Grant program.

**Signature of property owner or authorized representative:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_