

Our mission:

To preserve and promote the historic, cultural, social and economic vitality of downtown Momence and to foster a spirit of community teamwork that will result in a vibrant and inviting downtown district.



An Illinois 501c3 non-profit preservation and economic development program

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Annually, the Main Street Momence Design Committee recognizes excellence in Downtown building rehabilitation at its awards event.

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Façade Grant Program



The Downtown Momence Historic District is our community's largest and most influential commercial zone, reflecting our shared heritage, economic health, quality of life and civic pride.

Ensuring the sustainability and enhancing the physical appearance of Momence's traditional central business district are core missions of Main Street Momence!

The MSM Façade Grant Program was established to preserve Downtown Momence's unique architectural character. This incentive aids building and business owners in restoring one-of-a-kind details like Momence-made Tiffany glazed brick, cast iron storefronts, original wood windows, decorative transom glass and Mesker sheet metal trimmings.

Since 2005, MSM has awarded more than 28 façade grants totaling more than \$40,000 for historically appropriate exterior storefront and signage improvements



The Downtown Momence Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

District Boundaries

Eligible for Façade Grant consideration are non-residential properties in the area bound by Second Street to the north, Pine Street to the west, River Street to the south and Locust Street to the east. Also eligible are non-residential entities on Washington Street east to Maple Street.

Grantable Projects

Following are the types of exterior improvements that are considered for Façade Grant awards:

- Storefront rehabilitation, including tuckpointing and removal of non-historic siding
- Repair or restoration of original architectural elements
- Cleaning and painting
- Window and door repair or appropriate replacement
- Rear/side entrance improvement
- Awnings and canopies
- Signage
- Lighting

Funding Specifics

Grants of as much as 50% of total project cost – not to exceed \$5,000 – will be made by the MSM Façade Grant Committee for qualifying projects.

Grant Procedure

The MSM Façade Grant Committee will consider awards on a continual basis as funds are available. Preference will be given to buildings of historical or architectural significance. For a complete Façade Grant information packet with application and design guidelines, contact Committee Chair Jane Johnson, 312-339-4268, or the MSM office, 815-472-3861.