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Georgia Council for the Arts awards Forsyth Main Street Vibrant Communities Grant for Train Mural

The City of Forsyth's Economic Development Director, Michael Norris announced today that Forsyth Main Street is the recipient of a Georgia Council for the Arts Vibrant Communities grant. This grant, in partnership with the City of Forsyth Convention & Visitors Bureau, proposes the creation of a train mural in the downtown area. A train mural will reflect the unique offerings of the city, while highlighting its deep history. This project is also intended to encourage local artists from diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply and offer their ideas and designs for the mural.

“ The City of Forsyth was pleased to offer our wholehearted support for Main Street's Georgia Council for the Arts grant application, which will result in Forsyth's first mural. It is our sincere desire for this project to serve as a catalyst for future murals and public art projects. We know, a great city offers not only excellent services and resources, but it also serves as a cultural hub. Forsyth is a great city. We recognize that the arts and culture play vital roles in helping define and enhance the social fabric and the quality of life of our citizens and visitors.” stated Mayor Eric Wilson.

The City of Forsyth is dedicated to creating a vibrant, safe and interesting greater downtown. As the City works toward that goal, it is a priority to beautify blighted areas, strengthen the local culture, and provide a visually-friendly environment for residents and visitors to dine, shop, work, and live. This in turn should lead to an increase in heritage and cultural tourism and bring a significant increase in sales for our local businesses.

“ This grant project is an excellent example of local agencies working together for the benefit of the community and economic development efforts. The City of Forsyth CVB and Main Street's partnership on this project is about improving the quality of life in Forsyth, and increasing heritage and cultural tourism.” stated Main Street/DDA Chair, Bonnie Barker.

CVB Authority Chairman Ken Bowman added, “ We want everyone to know Forsyth as the best city in which to live, work, and play.”

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