



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: April 25, 2023

Title of Item: Revitalization Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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Submitted by: Mark Jeffers	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator	Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Aitkin County Economic Development Committee has received and reviewed grant funding requests for the Revitalization Grant Program. Grant applications and grant award summary are included.

The Committee recommends and requests approval to award the following grants at this time:

Low Properties= \$5000
 Northland Hydraulic= \$5000
 The Locker Room= \$3000
 Jaques Art Center= \$1020
 Roadside Market= \$5000
 My Crafts & Things= \$1151.50
 Smokey Jake's BBQ= 1006

The purpose of this grant fund is to help support local businesses to upgrade/revitalize the outside presence of their business property in our community in an effort to drive economic growth. As business owners and members of our community, it is important that we establish and maintain an image of growth and success. The fund will help support upgrades of awnings, signage, outdoor aesthetics and general business image and appearance.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Economic Development requests approval of a motion to award the recommended grants.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*



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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
 FROM: Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator
 DATE: April 25, 2023
 SUBJECT: Aitkin County Revitalization Grant Program

Aitkin County Economic Development Committee received and reviewed 14 grants to date for the Revitalization Grant fund. The Committee recommends approval of the following grant awards (highlighted in yellow):

2023 Revitalization Grant Program						
#	Applicant Name	Project Name	City	\$ requested	\$ Awarded	
1	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Terrace Project	Aitkin	\$ 5,000		
2	Growth Innovations	Building painting	Aitkin	\$ 12,815		
3	Low Properties	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
4	Sam's Custom Meat Processing	Door replacement	Tamarack	\$ 1,000		
5	Northland Hydraulic Services	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
6	Sarah's Shining Star Daycare	sign replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000		
7	The Locker Room	Patio construction (between Block North and The Locker Room)	Aitkin	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	
8	Jaques Art Center	upgrade of doors	Aitkin	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,020	
9	HOPE	Tree removal to add statue		\$ 5,000		
10	Holy Family Catholic Church	upgrade of signage and siding	McGregor	\$ 5,000		
11	Roadside Market	new siding on retail building	Hill City	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
NEW, not reviewed	12	ASAP Towing	new lot upgrade	Aitkin	\$ 5,000	
		My Crafts & Things	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,151.50	\$ 1,151.50
		Smokey Jakes BBQ	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,006	\$ 1,006
	13	Growth Innovations Property 2, main street Aitkin	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,521	
				\$ 63,513	\$ 21,178	
				Remaining	\$28,245	