



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: April 25, 2023

Title of Item: Business Development & Recreation 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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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 Business Development & Recreation Grant Program. Grant applications and grant award summary are included.

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

Long Lake Foundation= \$2,000
 Palisade Event Committee= \$925

The purpose of this grant fund is to leverage county funds, private funds and volunteer efforts to increase small business development activities in Aitkin County, with an emphasis on increasing sustained tourism and recreation activities. Several organizations may submit a single application or organizations may apply individually. Organizations need only to commit one hundred dollars (\$100) in good faith to ensure commitment to the grant request. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, have approved funding to be used to directly impact the Community of Aitkin County by executing the Aitkin County Business Development & Recreation Grant.

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:

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.



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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
 FROM: Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator
 DATE: April 25, 2023
 SUBJECT: Aitkin County Business Development and Recreation Grants

Aitkin County Economic Development Committee received and reviewed 7 grants to date for the Aitkin County Business Development and Recreation Grant fund. The Economic Development Committee recommends approval of the following grant awards (highlighted in Yellow):

Business Development and Recreation Grant						
Year	#	Facility Name	Project Name	City	\$ requested	\$ Awarded
2023	1	Shamrock Township	Shamrock Recreational Area	Shamrock	\$ 1,950.00	
	2	Cabin Fever Videos	Camera Advancement	Hill City	\$ 1,941.62	
	3	Long Lake Foundation	Nature Rocks! A fundraiser for conservation	Palisade	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	4	Palisade Event Committee	Uptown Palisade Revitalization	Palisade	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00
	5	My Crafts n Things	Business signage	Aitkin	\$ -	\$ -
	6	Smokey Jake's BBQ	Business signage	Aitkin	\$ -	\$ -
	7	City of Aitkin	Sign project	Aitkin	\$ 2,000.00	
NEW, not reviewed	8	Habitat for Humanity	motorcycle ride fundraiser	Aitkin	\$ 1,100.00	
					\$ 9,916.62	\$ 2,925.00