



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

5B
Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

Title of Item: Revitalization Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by: Mark Jeffers	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator	Estimated Time Needed: 5 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 for all grants applications reviewed and grant award summary are included.

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

Growth Innovations Property 2= \$1521
The Village Pump Saloon= \$4600

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:*

This funding is budgeted through the ARPA funding.



AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Aitkin County Government Center
307 2nd Street NW, Room 305
Aitkin, MN 56431

Mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us
Phone: 218-927-7305
cell: 218-513-6188

TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator
DATE: May 9, 2023
SUBJECT: Aitkin County Revitalization Grant Program

Aitkin County Economic Development Committee received and reviewed 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	Lowe 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	
Reviewed 4-26	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
Reviewed 4-26	13	Growth Innovations: Property 2, main street Aitkin	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,521
Reviewed 4-26	14	Village Pump Saloon	painting exterior of business	Tamarack	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,600
Reviewed 4-26	15	SB Pharmacy	Sealing and striping of parking lot	McGregor	\$ 5,000	
NEW, not reviewed	16	Round Lake Resort	new dock installation	McGregor	\$ 5,000	
NEW, not reviewed	17	Sunny's	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 5,000	
NEW, not reviewed	18	City of Palisade	outside upgrade	Palisade	\$ 5,000	
				\$ 88,113	\$ 27,298.50	

Remaining **\$22,123.50**



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Application for Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program 2023

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by mail to:
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2. Funding recommendations will be considered at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee.
3. Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: LP's Outdoor Services LLC dba ASAP Towing

Address:

39633 Deer St

Aitkin MN 56431

Person in Charge of Project: Josh Paulson

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

PO Box 303

Aitkin MN 56431

Contact Person's Phone #: 218-429-0129

Contact Person's Email: asap@asapowingaitkin.com

Description of your organization:

Full Service Towing Company

Mission Statement of your organization:

Give us a call ASAP, we are always on our tows. We don't really have a mission statement.



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 5000
 (Minimum \$1000, maximum request is \$5,000). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.

Amount of the business' match \$ 10000

Total projected budget \$ 15000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

Recently purchased property of our own for an impound lot. We are looking to clear trees and set up a secure lot.

PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
80 x 80 fenced area with gates	5000.00	3800.00	8800.00
Power		2225.00	2225.00
Dirt work, culvert, driveway		3697.88	3697.88
Security system		300.00	300.00
TOTALS	5000.00	10022.88	15022.88

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded? Yes

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples may include drawings or sketches of planned awning or signage upgrades, detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available).

Business Owner Signature:

1000
1000



Name

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Date:

4-5-23



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: Growth Innovations

Address: 16 2nd St NE, Aitkin, MN 56431

Person in Charge of Project: Stan Gustafson

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

316 1st Ave NW, Aitkin, MN 56431

Contact Person's Phone #: 218-927-2172

Contact Person's Email: sgustafson@growthlv.org

Description of your organization: Non-profit Economical development engine for Aitkin County

Mission Statement of your organization: Improving quality of life through job creation, economic diversification and community development. We pursue access to opportunity.

We provide funding, guidance and resources to support your business growth. We clear a path for your success. We focus our attention to meet the community needs to bring growth in work force and businesses.



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County	\$ 1520.75
<small>(Minimum \$1000, maximum request is \$5,000). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.</small>	
Amount of the business' match	\$ 1520.75
Total projected budget	\$ <u>3041.50</u>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

We would like to replace the exterior awning at 16 2nd St NE which is a commercial building we own and are currently in the process of pursuing a new business to occupy the space, but with the current old faded awning it is not the most attractive. Being able to apply for the grant would offset the burden of replacing the awning. Making it look clean and fresh for all of downtown Aitkin.

PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Tidholm Productions	1520.75	1520.75	3041.50
TOTALS			3041.50

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded?yes

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples may include drawings or sketches of planned awning or signage upgrades, detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available).



Business Owner Signature:

Name *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 4/12/2023



Printing ~ Signage ~ Promotional Items

April 12, 2023

Estimate: 041223

Growth Innovations
Att. Tami
316 1st Ave. NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

We are pleased to submit the following "KODIAK Building" awning bid as requested, based on the specifications provided.

Recover Exterior Awning System

Quantity - 1

Style/Shape - Traditional

Description – Recover existing awning/ new material only

Length - 25'

Height – 4'

Projection – 22"

Face – 25' x 20"

Poles - Existing

Graphics - As per computer - no image, Customer to provide vectorized .eps file for custom artwork and logos if needed.

Lights - None

Fabric - Sunbrella Acrylic Substrate

Frame - 1" Welded Aluminum Tubing

Estimated Cost:

A. Replace as is and or with imprint and current or new design - \$4026.25*

B. Replace with 2-color fabric with no graphics and or imprint - \$3324.20*

C. Replace with one solid color again with no graphics or imprint - \$3041.50*

*Note: It is understood all data, electronic files, art and text needed to complete job will be included. Graphic design services if not listed above and would be billed at \$56.00 per hour actual. Bid good for 30 days from above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call,


Jeff Tidholm

18 2nd St NE ~ P.O Box 251, Aitkin, MN 56431
Office: 218.928.8888 ~ Printing@TidholmProductions.com ~ TidholmProductions.com



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: Village Pump Saloon

Address:

111 Tamarack Blvdw. Tamarack MN 55787

Person in Charge of Project: Allie Jensen

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

P.O. Box 75 Tamarack MN 55787

Contact Person's Phone #: 608-385-6482 cell work 218 768-7867

Contact Person's Email: VillagePumpSaloon2@gmail.com

Description of your organization:

Bar/Restaurant

Mission Statement of your organization:



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 4,600.00
 (Minimum \$1000, maximum request is \$5,000). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.

Amount of the business' match \$ 4,600.00

Total projected budget \$ 9,200.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

Exterior Painting of Building and trim, Wash
 and Re-stain of Deck

PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Wash, Paint, and Clean up.	50%	50%	9,200.00
TOTALS			

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded? Yes

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples may include drawings or sketches of planned awning or signage upgrades, detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available).

Business Owner Signature:

Name [Signature] Date: 3-29-23

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March 14, 2023
Mark Jeffers
Aitkin County Government Center
307 2nd Street NW, Room 316
Aitkin, MN 56431

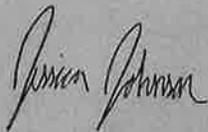
Greetings Mr. Jeffers,

On behalf of Talon Metals, I would like to express our support for the Village Pump Saloon's application to the Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program. As a company working in Tamarack, our employees, families and friends living in the area utilize this business daily. We strive to support the interests of our community, and it is clear that this revitalization project is important to our community's aesthetics and business growth.

Talon Metals is committed to providing a matching contribution of up to \$5,000 to the Village Pump Saloon if they are selected by Aitkin County as a grant recipient. We appreciate the work Aitkin County has put into the development of these grants and the emphasis you have made in your guidelines for an equitable distribution of funds across the county. We hope you will award the Village Pump Saloon revitalization project for this funding opportunity.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jessica Johnson
Community Outreach & Government Relations Manager
Talon Metals
johnson@talonmetals.com
218-460-9345



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: SB Pharmacy LLC

Address: 241 Highway 210, McGregor, MN 55760

Person in Charge of Project: Pauline

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code): 241 Highway 210, McGregor, MN 55760

Contact Person's Phone #: 218-838-9493

Contact Person's Email: pauline@twmcgregor.com

Description of your organization: SB owns the building that houses McGregor Pharmacy and McGregor Eyecare

Mission Statement of your organization: To provide an adequate building the businesses we serve.



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 5000.00
 (Minimum \$1000, maximum request is \$5,000). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.

Amount of the business' match \$ 10000.00

Total projected budget \$ 15000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

Sealing and striping of front parking lot

When bid comes in, I can update the application

PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Sealing and striping	5000.00	10000.00	15000.00
TOTALS	5000.00	10000.00	15000.00

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded?

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples may include drawings or sketches of planned awning or signage upgrades, detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available).

Business Owner Signature:

Name matthew Hutera, owner Date: 04/18/2023