



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** July 11, 2023

**Title of Item:** Revitalization Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <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>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Mark Jeffers		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>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.</p> <p>The Committee recommends and requests approval to award the following grants at this time:</p> <p>Sam's Custom Meats = \$5,000          Palisade One Stop = \$3,000          Hello Gorgeous = \$712.50</p> <p>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.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Economic Development requests approval of a motion to award the recommended grants.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> This funding is budgeted through the ARPA funding.		

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

## 2023 Revitalization Grant Program

#	Applicant Name	Project Name	City	\$ requested	\$ Awarded
1	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Terrace Project	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	
2	Growth Innovations	Building painting	Aitkin	\$ 12,814.68	
3	Lowe Properties	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
4	Sam's Custom Meat Processing	Door replacement	Tamarack	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5	Northland Hydraulic Services	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
6	Sarah's Shining Star Daycare	sign replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	
7	The Locker Room	Patio construction (between Block North and The Locker Room)	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
8	Jaques Art Center	upgrade of doors	Aitkin	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00
9	HOPE	Tree removal to add statue		\$ 5,000.00	
10	Holy Family Catholic Church	upgrade of signage and siding	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	
11	Roadside Market	new siding on retail building	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
12	ASAP Towing	new lot upgrade	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	
	My Crafts & Things	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,151.50	\$ 1,151.50
	Smokey Jakes BBQ	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 1,006.00
13	Growth Innovations: Property 2, main street Aitkin	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,520.75	\$ 1,521.00
14	Village Pump Saloon	painting exterior of business	Tamarack	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00
15	SB Pharmacy	Sealing and striping of parking lot	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	
16	Round Lake Resort	new dock installation	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
17	Sunny's	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
18	City of Palisade	outside upgrade	Palisade	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
19	Ginger Marie's	awning installation	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
#1 @	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Patio construction	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
20	Aitkin ALANO Society	Exterior building painting	Aitkin	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
21	Palisade One Stop	replace current roadside signage	Palisade	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
22	Angels of McGregor	roof replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	
23	Trails Inn Quadna Mountain	campground improvement	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	
24	Hello Gorgeous	awning installation- new business	Aitkin	\$ 712.50	\$ 712.50
				\$ 121,325.43	\$ 45,011.00

Remaining \$ 4,411.00

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## Application for Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program 2023

1. Grant requests should be submitted by EMAIL to:  
, subject line: Revitalization Grant 2023 or  
by mail to:  
Mark Jeffers  
Aitkin County Government Center,  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Room 316,  
Aitkin, MN 56431.
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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Business Name:** Hair by Clair LLC DBA Hello Gorgeous

**Address:** 205 Minnesota Ave. Aitkin, MN 56431

**Person in Charge of Project:** Clair Taylor

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

205 Minnesota Ave. Aitkin MN 56431

**Contact Person's Phone #:** 218-270-9933

**Contact Person's Email:** HairbyClair2019@gmail.com

**Description of your organization:**

Full-service salon providing services to both women and men.

**Mission Statement of your organization:**

Through inspiration, education, and determination the Creative Artists at Hello Gorgeous strive to push the boundaries of beauty with our extraordinary products, exceptional service, and dedication to our clients helping them achieve the look that best represents their personality and lifestyle. We want everyone to leave the salon feeling confident and looking gorgeous.

**FUNDING:**

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 712.50  
(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 \$ 712.50

Total projected budget \$ 1425.00

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

Removal of existing sign and Installation of the new sign.

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

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Hello Gorgeous Sign	\$712.50	\$712.50	\$1425.00
TOTALS			

**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

*Cheri Taylor*

Date:

*June 28, 2023*



4'x16' storefront sign

- project management
  - graphic design
  - proofing
  - printing
  - on aluminum laminate panels
  - UV protective clearcoat
  - remove existing sign
  - installation of new sign - with stand 1.5" stand offs
- ..... \$1425.00

Hello Gorgeous  
display sign - creative/ estimate  
6/22/23

**UPLAND**

ADVERTISING & DESIGN, LLC.

21683 Campbell Lake Rd. Merrifield, MN 56465  
218/628/9435

◆ This artwork and creative is property of Upland Advertising & Design until purchased



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[mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us), subject line: Revitalization Grant 2023 or  
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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Business Name:** Trails Inn Quadna Mountain Motel & RV Campground

**Address:** 200 Quadna Mtn Rd, Hill City, MN 55748

**Person in Charge of Project:** Shawn Pehrson

**Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):** 230 Mahtomedi Ave, Mahtomedi MN 55115

**Contact Person's Phone #:** 612-360-0157

**Contact Person's Email:** fireman24mn@gmail.com

**Description of your organization:** Motel & RV Campground

**Mission Statement of your organization:** Trails INN Quadna Mountain is a place where we genuinely care about the comfort of our guests. We pledge to enhance the lives of our customers by providing and creating an unmatched vacation and leisure experience, both in the motel and RV campground in Hill City Minnesota.



**FUNDING:**

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 5,000  
 (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 \$ 5,000+

Total projected budget \$ 10,000+

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

The most visible results of these beautification projects are more than changes to the physical surroundings. Not only will making the physical areas better by planting flowers, shrubs and trees but also working on, campsites themselves. This work will include fire rings to ensure fire safety is a priority, development of an environment that is safe not only for visitors but that is also environmentally conscious. We also plan on revitalizing the current bathhouse for the campground and RV park. This would include improving sidewalks and entry aesthetics.

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

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Plants and yard work	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Campsites	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$8,500
Bathhouse	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>

**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).



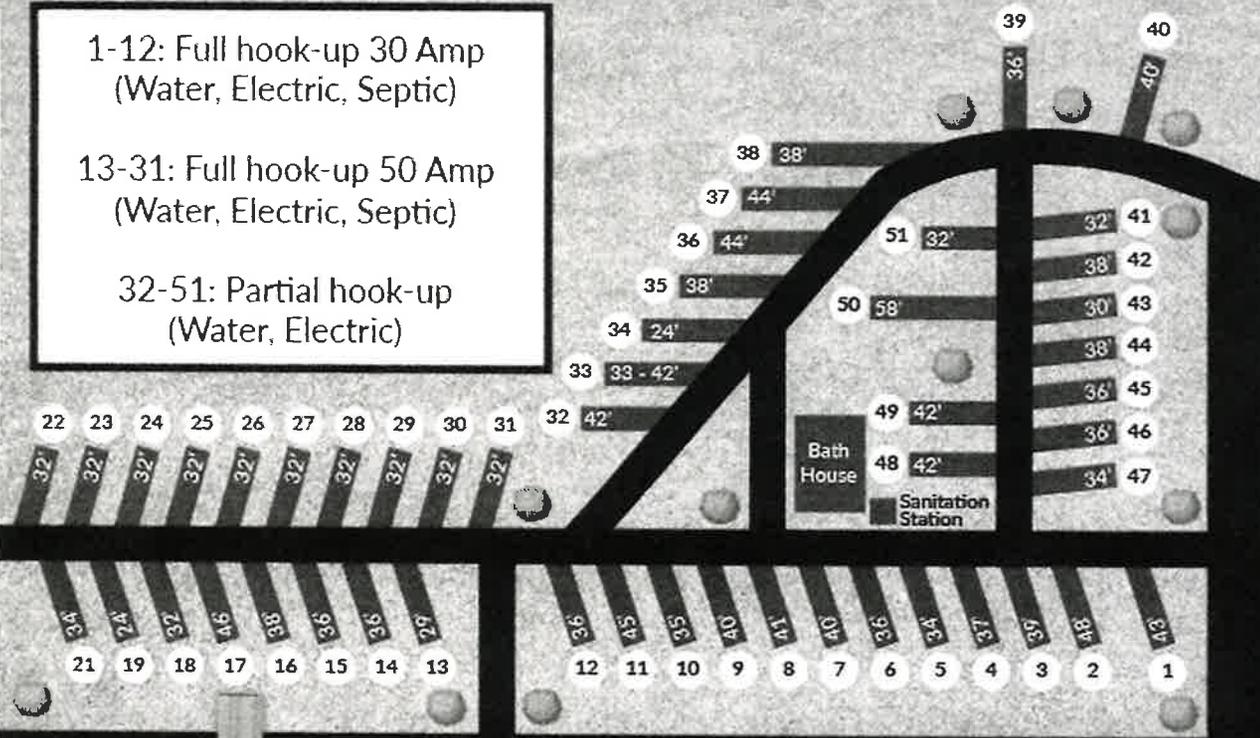
Business Owner Signature:

Name Shawn Pehrson Date: 5/24/2023

1-12: Full hook-up 30 Amp  
(Water, Electric, Septic)

13-31: Full hook-up 50 Amp  
(Water, Electric, Septic)

32-51: Partial hook-up  
(Water, Electric)



230	223
228	221
226	219
224	217
222	215
220	213
218	211
216	209
214	207
212	205
Laundry	APT.
	Office

Quadna Mountain Road

HWY 169 →



## ANGELS

7 South Maddy St.  
PO Box 35  
McGregor, MN  
(218) 768-2762

# Business Revitalization Grant

25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## OVERVIEW

**ANGELS** is a non-profit located downtown McGregor Minnesota. ANGELS has been a big part of the McGregor community since 2004. ANGELS provides many services to the seniors in Aitkin County, from rides to appointments (transportation) to delivering meals (nutrition) and social events (socialization). **Our goal is to help local seniors live in their home safely, independently and with dignity.**

Our damaged roof needs replacement. Due to the heavy snow we had last winter, the patch work we have done is no longer effective. as we have had water leaking in. Surprise! This is causing more damage inside the building from these leaks.

## GOAL

1. **ANGELS** needs a new roof to continue to help meet the needs of our local seniors.

## SPECIFICATIONS

ANGELS is asking for \$5,000 from the Economic Development Committee.

The money will be matched by ANGELS and will go to a new roof. We are set to start our new roof repair/replacement process June of 2023.

The contractor has not given us a more specific start date as of now.

*Angels Foundation*



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Business Name:** The Palisade One Stop

**Address:** 307 Main Street, Palisade, MN 56469

**Person in Charge of Project:** Kory O'Neil

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

**Contact Person's Phone #:** 218-820-1207

**Contact Person's Email:** KoryOneil@gmail.com

**Description of your organization:** C-Store/Grocery/Carwash

**Mission Statement of your organization:** To provide quality goods and services to our local population and tourists.



**FUNDING:**

Amount requested from Aitkin County	\$ 1,500.00
<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	\$ 1,500.00
Total projected budget	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>

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

We would like to change our current sign from fluorescent to an LED energy efficient sign as our current one is in need of being replaced due to age and a bad ballast. We also intend to put up a new fuel price display sign as ours is becoming unreliable. We are investing in new pumps that will provide a 24 hour pay at the pump option for customers who travel after our business is closed for the night. We have had many snowmobilers and ATV users ask us to implement this throughout the years and with the traffic increasing due to the summer road construction it is a good time to do this. Having the funds to upgrade our signage will ensure that evening traffic is able to see our 24 hour pay at the pump option.

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

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Upgrade to LED bulbs	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
New fuel price display	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

**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:

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Name: Kory O'Neil Date: 06/22/23

## Mark Jeffers

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**From:** Travis Leiviska  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 10:51 AM  
**To:** Mark Jeffers  
**Subject:** Grant applications

Mark,

I just wanted to reach out and express some support (for what it's worth) for the Palisade One Stop grant requests. I know they are putting quite a bit into getting ready for a massive traffic increase with the detour this summer.

As always, thank you for all the work you do.

Thank you,

Travis Leiviska  
Aitkin County Commissioner - Vice Chairman  
District 3  
(218) 513-8613



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: **Sam's Custom meat cutting**

Address: **210 N. Main Street**

**Tamarack, Mn. 55787**

Person in Charge of Project: **Kathy Haugse**

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

Contact Person's Phone #: **218-232-5165**

Contact Person's Email: **tamarack01@frontlernet.net**

Description of your organization:

**We do Custom Meat cutting and Wild Game.**

Mission Statement of your organization:

**Make Main Street more attractive. The front of the building is in need of repair. The building needs to be repaired so we can stay in business. With the economy the way it is, we can use all the help we can get. Thank you for providing these opportunities.**



**FUNDING:**

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 10,000.00  
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Amount of the business' match \$ \$10,000.00

Total projected budget \$ \$20,000.00

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

The front wall and awning are coming loose and has rotted. We need to put on a new front wall and replace the awning. We had a contractor assess the wall and give us his option. The contractor told us the wall has come loose from the foundation and the has rotted. The contractors suggestion is to replace the wall and awning.

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

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Material and labor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTALS			

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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 Kathy Souger Date: 6/27/2023