



Executive Director's Report
Chipley Redevelopment Agency
10.8.24

Dear Council Members,

October is proving to be an active month for the CRA as we re-engage with the community through our grant programs. During our recent pause, we successfully facilitated one emergency grant, which the Board deemed essential for addressing urgent needs as they arose.

With the reopening of grant applications, we currently have three potential submissions. While none have been received yet, the deadline for submission is October 8, 2024, allowing us to prepare for this month's meeting. Any non-emergency proposals received will be scheduled for discussion in next month's agenda.

In addition, we have increased our funding for special projects, enabling us to enhance our contributions to the community—a topic that has been frequently discussed by the Board.

We also have some changes in Board leadership to announce. Long-time Chair Heather Lopez has stepped down from her position and will now serve as a voting member of the Board. Crystal Abel has accepted the role of Chair, and Summer Thomas has stepped into the position of Vice-Chair. I am optimistic that this new leadership will foster innovative ideas and continue to revitalize the historic district of Chipley.

Furthermore, we recently reviewed a statute requiring each FRA Board to establish Goals and Objectives. After thorough discussion, we reached a consensus on these items, ensuring they align with our Redevelopment Plan. I am confident that the goals we have set are both attainable and aspirational, guiding us toward a promising future for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Leah Pettis'.

Leah Pettis
Executive Director