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November 2026 Monthly Report to City Council

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) continues to make progress in advancing revitalization efforts throughout the district. Grant activity remains steady, with property owners and business operators continuing to show interest in improving their properties and contributing to the overall growth and economic vitality of our community.

Project Activity and Board Updates

CRA staff continues to work closely with grant applicants by offering program guidance, aiding with application requirements, and helping move approved projects forward while ensuring compliance with established guidelines.

During this reporting period, the CRA Board approved one grants, reviewed, and approved the CRA budget, and the new nonprofit application. These actions represent continued progress in supporting property improvements and investment throughout the district. We are pleased to welcome our new Board members and City Council appointees as we begin a new year of continued work and project development. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Susan Williams for her service and contributions to the CRA. Susan's resignation will become effective November 6, 2026, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. The process of filling the Administrative Assistant position is underway. Interviews are being conducted, and an announcement will be made once a candidate has been selected.

Operational Priorities and Next Steps

One of the CRA's current priorities is developing a dedicated digital map to provide staff with easier access to important district information, including CRA boundaries, property locations, and designated redevelopment areas. Having this resource available will improve day-to-day operations, aid with project coordination, and provide a clearer picture of redevelopment activity throughout the district. It will also serve as a valuable planning tool as the CRA continues to evaluate projects and identify future opportunities.

Looking Ahead

Moving forward, the CRA will remain focused on responsible grant administration, property improvements, economic development, and strategic investment throughout the district. Priorities include working with current grant recipients, maintaining consistent communication with applicants, supporting the newly appointed Board, and identifying practical ways to strengthen daily operations. We appreciate the continued support and cooperation of the Mayor, City Council, CRA Board members, and community partners. Their involvement is essential to the continued success of our redevelopment efforts. We look forward to building on the progress made and continuing to identify opportunities that benefit the Chipley community.

Sincerely,

Shirley Parrado

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