



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	07/06/2026

ITEM:	Façade Improvement Grant Report for One Reason (4065 Central Ave NE).		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> CD Coordinator Emilie Voight			
DEPARTMENT: Community Development		BY/DATE: CD Coordinator 07/01/2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☐ High Quality Public Spaces		☒ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☐ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☐ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

This report pertains to the 2026 Façade Improvement Grant application for One Reason (4065 Central Ave NE). The tenant, a dance studio and church, was previously at a different location in Columbia Heights and is moving into this location to benefit from a larger and more suitable venue. They are applying for grant funds to furnish and install new storefront signage on the exterior façades. Photos of the existing conditions and renderings of the proposal have been included in the packet.

The applicant was able to receive three bids for the work, amounting to approximately \$12,000 (BMS), \$12,275 (Mathey Sign), and up to \$17,510 (North Star Sign). This sets them up for a grant amount of \$6,000. Community Development staff recommend funding this project in full as the new signage will reflect the new occupancy and attract customers.

This is the sixth Façade Improvement Grant application in 2026. If this Façade Improvement Grant were to be approved, it would leave \$18,761.93 remaining in the annual program budget.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-21, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2026-21, a resolution approving the form and substance of the Façade Improvement Grant Agreement, and approving authority staff and officials to take all actions necessary to enter the authority into a Façade Improvement Grant Agreement with One Reason (4065 Central Ave NE).

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution 2026-21
2. Sample Façade Improvement Grant Agreement
3. One Reason (4065 Central Ave NE) Façade Improvement Grant Application