



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	07/06/2026

ITEM:	Fire Suppression Grant Application 4065 Central Ave NE (One Reason).						
<i>Presenting Item:</i> CD Coordinator Emilie Voight							
DEPARTMENT: Community Development	BY/DATE: CD Coordinator 07/02/2026						
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i> <table><tr><td>☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity</td><td>☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking</td></tr><tr><td>☐ High Quality Public Spaces</td><td>☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy</td></tr><tr><td>☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone</td><td>☐ Inclusive and Connected Community</td></tr></table>		☐ 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
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BACKGROUND

In 2022, the EDA created the Fire Suppression Grant Program to assist local businesses with the expenses incurred when installing fire suppression systems within commercial buildings. Many of the commercial properties in Columbia Heights do not have fire suppression systems. Certain businesses and changes of use require the addition of fire suppression systems to existing buildings. The price of adding fire suppression systems is often cost prohibitive for small businesses.

The tenant of the property at 4065 Central Ave NE, One Reason, has submitted an application for this grant program. The tenant is currently working to relocate their church and dance studio from a different location in Columbia Heights. As part of this relocation, the tenant is planning to update the existing fire suppression system.

The applicant has provided two quotes for the proposed work. One bid amounts to \$27,214 (Summit) and one amounts to \$8,200 (Pye-Barker). The quotes have been included in the meeting packet. Based on these estimates, the project would be eligible to receive a maximum grant award of \$4,100. In the 2026 budgeting process, the EDA allocated \$100,000 to the Fire Suppression Grant program, of which \$50,268.50 remains. This is the third Fire Suppression Grant application in 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of the grant application at the maximum reimbursement allowance of \$4,100. Updating the fire suppression system in the structure will modernize the building and improve its safety.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-22, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2026-22, a resolution of the Economic Development Authority of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, approving the form and substance of the Fire Suppression Grant Agreement,

and approving authority staff and officials to take all actions necessary to enter the authority into the Fire Suppression Grant Agreement with the tenants of 4065 Central Ave NE (One Reason).
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ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution 2026-22
2. Draft Fire Suppression Grant Agreement
3. 4065 Central Ave NE (One Reason) Fire Suppression Grant Application