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AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	11/07/2022

ITEM:	Façade Improvement Grant Report EDA, 11-7-22	
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development	BY/DATE: Mitchell Forney, 11/3/22

BACKGROUND:

For the third year in a row the Façade Improvement Grant program is being offered on a first come first serve basis. Advertisement for the program has been spread on social media, by email, and by word of mouth from commissioners and staff alike. Below are two grant applicants for your review.

Accessory City LLC: Accessory City is located at 556 40th Ave ne. The proposed project is to furnish and install a store front window on the first floor of the building. The owner has submitted two bids, and the lowest bid sets the project cost at \$6,235 which would allow the owner to access a grant amount of \$3,118.

Columbia Heights VFW Post 230: The VFW is located at 4446 Central Ave NE, and the proposed project includes removal of their existing pylon sign, installing new footings, and installing a new 8-inch Schedule 40 pole with an 8' by 8' internally lit LED sign. The project is estimated to cost \$20,370 which would qualify the VFW for the full grant amount of \$5,000. The VFW received two quotes for what was supposed to be a reader board sign. After learning that it was not possible, they shifted to the sign that is now being proposed and included in the packet. Unfortunately, they have had difficulty getting a second quote on the new sign. It is important to note that the VFW had received a façade grant in 2020. The 2020 grant assisted with the remodeling of the east and northeast side of the building. In 2020 the VFW received the full grant amount of \$5,000. This is the first time that a business has received the full grant in the past and re-applied to the grant program. Staff would like to further discuss how the EDA would like to handle these situations.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolutions 2022-22 and 2022-23, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2022-22, 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 façade improvement grant agreements with the building owner of 556 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2022-23, 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 façade improvement grant agreements with Columbia Heights VFW Post 230.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Resolution 2022-22**
- 2. Resolution 2022-23**
- 3. 556 40th Application**
- 4. VFW Application**
- 5. Sample Façade Agreement**
- 6. Façade Camera Licensing Agreement**