



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

<b>AGENDA SECTION</b>	<b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	06/01/2026

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>Fire Suppression Grant Application 4014-4016 Central Ave NE (Sister Bud LLC).</b>		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> CD Coordinator Emilie Voight			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Development	<b>BY/DATE:</b>	CD Coordinator 05/21/2026
<b>CORE CITY STRATEGIES:</b> <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		<input type="checkbox"/> Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Quality Public Spaces		<input type="checkbox"/> Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusive and Connected Community	

**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 owner of the property at 4014-4016 Central Ave NE, Sister Bud LLC, has submitted an application for this grant program. The property owner is currently working to establish a new cannabis business in the building. In order to enable this, the owner is required to install a fire suppression system. The fire suppression system will necessitate a new 6-inch water line extension.

The applicant has provided three quotes for the proposed water line extension. One bid amounts to \$59,900 (Valley Rich), one amounts to \$86,700 (Triple E), and the third amounts to \$56,200 (Vada). 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 \$28,100.00. In the 2026 budgeting process, the EDA allocated \$100,000 to the Fire Suppression Grant program, of which \$74,068.50 remains. This is the second Fire Suppression Grant application in 2026.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

In the 2025 grant application cycle, Sister Bud received \$26,200 in Fire Suppression Program grant funds for a property at 5011 University Ave. Sister Bud was not able to move forward with a business at that location, so is now applying for this grant for 4014-4016 Central Ave. Staff recommend funding tonight’s application at \$23,800 instead of the full amount available based on the provided quotes (\$28,100), in order to not exceed the typical maximum \$50,000 grant award per property or business owner. Installation of a 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 2026-17, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2026-17, 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 owners of 4014-4016 Central Ave NE (Sister Bud LLC).

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Resolution 2026-17
2. 4014-4016 Central Ave NE (Sister Bud LLC) Fire Suppression Grant Application
3. Draft Fire Suppression Grant Agreement