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AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	01/05/2026

ITEM:	Façade Improvement Grant Report for Easy Tax Services located at 4111 Central Ave NE.
DEPARTMENT: Community Development	**BY/DATE:** CD Coordinator, 12/18/2025

CORE CITY STRATEGIES: *(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "**X**" in front of the selected text below)*

_Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity
_High Quality Public Spaces
_Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone
_Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking
X Resilient and Prosperous Economy
_Inclusive and Connected Community

BACKGROUND:
This report pertains to the 2026 Façade Improvement Grant application for 4111 Central Ave NE, Suite 208A. This suite of the multi-tenant building is occupied by Easy Tax Services, LLC, a tax preparation, notary, and document assistance business. The tenant is applying for grant funds to install a new exterior wall sign panel on the existing sign panel framing on the Central Avenue façade of the structure. A photo of the existing conditions and a rendering of the proposed design have been included in the packet.

The applicant was able to receive two bids for the work, amounting to $1,750.00 (BMS) and $2,947.38 (Fastsigns). This sets them up for a grant amount of $1,473.69. Community Development staff recommend funding this project in full as the new signage will help promote the business and attract and orient customers.

This is the second Façade Improvement Grant application in 2026. The first application this year is also being presented tonight. The initial annual budget for the program was $80,000. If both Façade Improvement Grants presented at the January 2026 EDA meeting were approved, it would leave $73,526.31 remaining in the annual program budget.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-04, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2026-04, 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 Easy Tax Services, LLC.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution 2026-04
2. Sample Façade Improvement Grant Agreement
3. Easy Tax Services, LLC, Façade Improvement Grant Application