



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: City Council

Meeting Date: December 3, 2024

Item Title: Resolution supporting the WEDC Small Business Development Grant

Submitted By: Michael Kornmann, Director of Community and Economic Development

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The Small Business Development Grant provides an opportunity for city's to create their own program to assist with business creation, retention, and expansion. The city's proposed "Façade Plus" program if awarded will provide matching grants up to \$50,000. The program is design to run similar to our existing façade grant program but will focus on downtown and allow for other improvements to downtown building beyond facades including interior alterations, safety, accessibility, utilities, and more.

The program will focus resources to revitalize downtown and assist in making an impactful positive change for downtown Columbus.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

- Resolution supporting grant
- Façade Plus Program Guidelines

Action Requested of Council: Approve resolution.