

RESOLUTION NO. 14-24

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WEDC)
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Wisconsin (the "City") recognizes that large scale adaptive uses of historic buildings and infill redevelopment of areas in the downtown is identified as a priority in the Columbus Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Wisconsin (the "City") supports new small businesses and business retention and expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Development grant program provides incentives for small businesses expansion and new start-up businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed Façade Plus program would allow the City to provide grants to small businesses for improvements to facades, interior alterations, and other building improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City's Façade Plus program would provide grants up to a maximum of \$50,000 with a dollar-for-dollar match; and

WHEREAS, a resolution of City support is a prerequisite for acceptance of a WEDC Small Business Development grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Columbus Common Council supports the acceptance of the WEDC Small Business Development Grant if awarded by WEDC.

Approved by the Common Council of the City of Columbus on this 3rd Day of December 2024

Joseph G. Hammer, Mayor

Susan Caine, Clerk