



City Council Meeting Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	November 3, 2025
Submitter:	Daniel Ritter, AICP Community & Economic Development Director
Department:	Community & Economic Development
Agenda Item:	Approval of a Resolution for The Feathered Fork (20631 Renwick Rd) Façade Grant

Summary:

The City has had a Façade Improvement Grant Program in place for several years, but it has not been utilized in over 5 years. The goal of the grant is to stimulate high-quality exterior building improvements on existing commercial buildings that support new and existing businesses. The grant reimburses applicants (owner or tenant with owner approval) up to 50% of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$10,000 per property.

The Feathered Fork is a new business that will be reoccupying the restaurant space at 20631 Renwick Road (formerly Chaos/Village Pub/Crusade space). The business will be an elevated chicken-forward restaurant with a global twist. It has been under interior renovation over the past few months and has submitted for a liquor license. The business owners have a restaurant and hospitality background.

The grant proposal would include new wall signage and vinyl graphic improvements for the business. The work would be completed by FBS Signs, the lowest cost proposal. The applicant plans on installing these as soon as possible. To the right, there is a breakdown of the proposed signage and costs.

Improvement	Cost
Main Wall Sign	\$3,353.90
Vinyl and Canopy Sign	\$1,520.00
Taxes	\$389.91
Total Grant Request (50% of total)	\$2,631.90

While the grant can be used for many things, including signage, the goal of the grant was to accomplish larger facade improvement, and not necessarily for just tenant signage changes. However, since there have not been grants approved or applied for in many years, this project can start to pave a path forward for other businesses and property owners to utilize it. Additionally, this specific space has had a revolving door of restaurants and a little bit of support up front can assist in its success. If the program becomes more competitive in future budget years, project preferences may become more relevant. The Feathered Fork is also considering applying again next year for patio upgrades.

Financial/Budget Info	
Budgeted FY26	\$12,750.00
Currently Used/ Obligated FY26	\$0
Requested Grant	\$2,631.90
Remaining Budget FY26	\$10,118.10

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Work Session 10/27/25:

The grant was discussed along with the overall grant program guidelines. The grant has been around for around 10 years and has been available publicly on the City's website. However, the grant has not been regularly used or advertised, despite being funded annually. Since this is the first grant that has met the eligibility standards in close to a decade, staff plans to review and revise the program as needed to ensure the best use of the funds and increase clarity in the process.

Recommended Council Action:

Approval of a Resolution approving a facade grant request from JH Hospitality Group for property located at 20631 Renwick Road.

Attachments:

- A. Façade Improvement Grant Application – The Feathered Fork 10/18/2025
- B. The Feathered Fork Narrative
- C. Cost Proposal by FBS Signs & Prints Inc. dated 9/25/2025
- D. East and North Proposed Elevations