City Council Work Session Memo



Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date: October 27, 2025

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Department: Community & Economic Development

Agenda Item: Discussion and Direction on 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	\$2,631.90
(50% of total)	\$2,031.70

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

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

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.

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Recommended Council Action:

Discuss the proposed Façade Improvement Grant application for signage improvements at The Feathered Fork, 20631 Renwick Rd, in an amount not to exceed \$2,631.90, and move the item to the November 4, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda for final consideration.

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