

## **STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE:	01/08/2024

**PRESENTED BY:** 

Amber Whisner, Business Development- Economic Development Committee

## AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION (Agenda Content):

January 2023

## **Department Report:**

HTRG- 1,099 property owners received the 2023 Homestead Tax Relief Grant provided by the State of Georgia. This grant was appox \$117.00 credit for qualified recipients in 2023. The City of Dallas has filed for reimbursement from state in amount of \$128,298.61. Funds expected to be delivered in February to the City.

Façade Grant- 206 Main Street received \$5,000 from DDA

Downtown Dollars- Citizens purchased \$1,180 in Downtown Dollars from the Business Development Office during the Holiday Season. Downtown Dollars are sold in increments of \$10.00 each.

Business License renewals are underway, 271 renewals issued, approx. 300 still waiting to be renewed.

Upcoming Events: 2024 Downtown First Awards; January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Invitees will receive Dinner in the Courtyards, awards presentation will be in the Theater. Dinner 6-7:45 Awards at 8pm

Galentines Night- Friday February 9th, 4pm-8pm Downtown.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Enchanted Ball at the Dallas Civic Center February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 2pm-3:30pm- Half of the tickets were sold within 5 days of releasing the event on social media. Event will be for children to have an afternoon "tea and snack" with princesses, a special gift, and a phot shoot. Tickets are \$30.00 per child. No fee for parents. Special guest appearance by Queen Elsa and Olaf.