



**Board:** City Commission  
**Agenda** December 8, 2025  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Presenter:** Patricia West

## Staff Report

### Agenda Item Title:

DDA Grant Application Request | America250MI History Program Grants

### Background:

The America250MI grant program will help fund projects of all sizes that interpret, preserve or explore Michigan's history. Applicants can seek funding for a variety of projects, including but not limited to educational programming, capital improvements, exhibits, collections management and interpretive signs.

City staff would like to pursue this grant funding opportunity to invest in a placemaking space at 701 Delta Ave modeled around Gladstone's history with the railroad, in partnership with the Gladstone Historic Committee.

Items to build into the plan include a pavilion, picnic tables, hook-ups for food trucks, concrete, fence, and a play area.

The grant deadline is January 15, 2026.

### Fiscal Effect:

Up to \$1 million is available in Round 2 grant amounts across three tiers:

- Tier 1: \$2,500-5,000. (No match requirement)
- Tier 2: \$5,001-25,000. (Match: 15% of the grant amount)
- Tier 3: \$25,001-50,000. (Match: 30% of the grant amount)

### Supporting Documentation:

The American250MI Program Guide  
Visual Mock-Ups of Space

### Recommendation:

Motion to approve the DDA's grant application for the America250MI History Program for placemaking efforts at 701 Delta Ave for up to the maximum capacity of the grant, requiring a minimum match of \$15,000 from the DDA.