



Downtown Development Authority

City of Gladstone
1100 Delta Ave
Gladstone, MI 49837

Staff Report

Agenda Date: August 15, 2023
Department: DDA
Presenter: Patricia West

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Mural at 1000 Delta Ave

BACKGROUND:

Summary from 07/18/2023 DDA Meeting

The DDA motioned to table the funding request from Patrick Johnson regarding the brick repairs causing damage to the mural at 1000 Delta Ave during the July meeting until City Manager, Eric Buckman, was able to connect with an expert on the repair work.

Budget Information:

- At the time of budget planning, the DDA anticipated to pull \$94,381 from the fund balance, as our expenditures exceeded our revenue.

The DDA did not budget for any façade updates or projects this year, so anything that would be approved would require a budget amendment.

Façade Grant Information:

- The DDA decided in the July meeting to not accept façade applications, and that the façade program would be revisited during the 2024-2025 budget planning process.
- The previous façade program guidelines included these stipulations:
 - A current business owner at the location of an approved façade must wait a minimum of five years before they may be eligible to re-apply for additional funds.
 - The business owner chooses their own contractor

FISCAL EFFECT:

Preliminary numbers reflect \$2000-\$3000 for materials and labor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Guidelines for DDA Façade Improvement Grant Program
- Email from Patrick Johnson outlining project scope, timeline, funding, and warranty/insurance information

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denying the request for funding given past precedent of not funding contractor repair work, in addition to the budget constraints and façade grant information outlined above.