



Board: Downtown Development Authority
Agenda November 18, 2025
Date: _____
Presenter: Patricia West

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

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 play area.

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)

The scope of the project is yet to be determined based off unused façade grant funding.

Supporting Documentation:

The American250MI Program Guide
Visual Mock-Ups of Space
Suggested Pavilion Kit
Suggested Plans for Playground

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the DDA's grant application for the America250MI History Program for placemaking efforts at 701 Delta Ave for up to *[insert dollar amount]*.