



Board: Downtown Development Authority
Agenda February 17, 2026
Date: _____
Presenter: Patricia West

Staff Report

Agenda Item Title:

Grant Application Request | T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

Background:

The T-Mobile Hometown Grant program is a national initiative that provides funding to small towns with populations under 50,000 to support community improvement projects. Through this program, T-Mobile is investing up to \$25 million over five years to help communities build or enhance public spaces that bring people together. Municipalities and nonprofit organizations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 for shovel-ready projects that can be completed within 12 months and demonstrate a clear community benefit.

The City of Gladstone's Depot Project strongly aligns with the goals of the Hometown Grant program. The project focuses on revitalizing an existing downtown asset and transforming it into a community gathering space for events, programming, and public use. If awarded, grant funds would help offset project costs and support improvements that enhance downtown vibrancy, preserve local history, and create a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike.

Fiscal Effect:

\$50,000

Supporting Documentation:

Main Street American | T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the DDA's grant application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant program for placemaking efforts at 701 Delta Ave for up to \$50,000.