



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: December 16, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$180,000 grant from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) Public Works grant program for the redevelopment of the commercial buildings at 16 NE 3rd St. and 210 N. Pokegama Ave.

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BACKGROUND:

This IRRR grant will support the simultaneous redevelopment and expansion of vacant former office buildings at 16 NE 3rd St. and 210 N. Pokegama Avenue, converting their use to a restaurant and bar, respectively. Both new businesses will be owned and operated by Rapids Brewing Company (RBC) and are designed to provide new and different Downtown experiences. RBC will be investing a total development cost of approximately \$2.3M.

This project is supported by the 2020 City of Grand Rapids Comprehensive Plan economic development goals to:

- Develop a thriving downtown.
- Recruit new businesses and support entrepreneurs that add jobs and income opportunities.
- Support investments with tourism value.

In addition, as we've outlined, the project is strongly supported by the goals within the recently completed 2023 Grand Rapids Downtown Plan.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution accepting a \$180,000 grant from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) Public Works grant program for the redevelopment of the commercial buildings at 16 NE 3rd St. and 210 N. Pokegama Ave.