

REQUEST FOR GRAND RAPIDS EDA ACTION

AGENDA DATE: October 13, 2022

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: Consider approval of a Blandin Foundation grant for additional

public engagement activities in the development of the updated Downtown Plan and authorize the Executive Director to execute the

grant agreement.

PREPARED BY: Rob Mattei, Executive Director

BACKGROUND:

As we've discussed, the Blandin Foundation has been very supportive of our efforts to update the vision and implementation strategies for the Downtown. In addition to their previous contribution of a \$40,000 grant, the Foundation has approved a second grant of \$13,400 for additional public engagement activities within the project scope.

With the amendment to the SRF Consulting Group contract to include the additional public engagement activities, the funding for the adjusted contract amount is:

| Blandin Foundation | \$40,000 |
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| Blandin Foundation | \$13,400 |
| IRRR Development Partnership | \$20,000 |
| GREDA | \$27,776 |
| Revised Contract Amount: | \$101,176 |

RECOMMENDATION:

REQUIRED ACTION: Adopt a motion approving a Blandin Foundation grant for additional public engagement activities in the development of the updated Downtown Plan and authorize the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement.