



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council **MEETING DATE:** 2/6/24
FROM: Development Services Department
SUBJECT: Gateway Corridor and Central Business District Matching Grant Application for a Façade Improvement for the Village Improvement Association located at 17 Palmetto Avenue

BACKGROUND

One of the critical goals identified as part of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan update and the 2023 Downtown Master Plan was to improve the quality of the built environment particularly in the downtown area and to commit to the preservation of the City's historic architectural heritage. To promote improvements to existing properties in the Gateway Corridor and the Central Business District, the Pilot Matching façade Grant Program was established between 2013 to 2020. It was determined that for future façade grant improvements requesting city matching grant requirements that they would be taken to the City Council on a case by case basis.

The land was donated to the Village Improvement Association Federated Women's Club of Green Cove Springs has been located at 17 Palmetto Avenue in 1885 by Penelope Borden of condensed milk fame. The building, which was constructed in 1915, is identified in the City's National Historic District as well as a Florida Heritage site. It is also the location of the first Federated Women's Club in Florida.

The applicant is proposing to repaint, pressure, properly seal windows and doors and repair existing stucco fractures to restore the building to its original appearance. The quote for the improvements is \$18,200. They are requesting a grant of \$5,000, which is the maximum allowable grant.

There are no building permits required for this application. The project work shall be completed within 90 days of City Council approval and monies for improvements shall be reimbursed upon project completion.

Attachments:

1. Photos
2. Project Cost Quote
3. Application

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Gateway Corridor and Central Business District Matching Grant application for façade improvements to the Village Improvement Association Federated Women's Club of Green Cove Springs building located at 17 Palmetto Avenue.

Recommended Motion:

Motion to approve the Gateway Corridor and Central Business District Matching Grant application for façade improvements to the Village Improvement Association Federated Women's Club of Green Cove Springs building located at 17 Palmetto Avenue.