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Re: Request for Façade Improvement Funding Assistance

To the Members of the Downtown Development Authority,

I am writing on behalf of Learn and Grow Childcare to respectfully request consideration for financial assistance to improve the exterior façade of our childcare center located within the downtown district.

As a locally owned childcare business serving families in our community, we take great pride in contributing to the vitality and appearance of our downtown area. Our building serves as an important resource for working families and is visited daily by children, parents, and community members. However, portions of the exterior are in need of repair and aesthetic improvements to better reflect the quality and professionalism of the services provided within.

With the Strawberry Festival held directly across from our location this year, we anticipated increased visibility and foot traffic throughout the district. Improving our building's façade before the event did not only enhance the appearance of our business but also contributed positively to the overall image and welcoming atmosphere of the downtown area during one of the community's most highly attended events.

We are committed to investing in our property and maintaining an attractive downtown presence. Any financial assistance, matching grant opportunity, or façade improvement funding the DDA may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued efforts to support local businesses and strengthen our downtown district. Attached are the proofs for money spent on outside landscaping. We recently completed our mural as well, free of cost as it was done by myself and local artist pro bono.

Total funds of improvements is as follows: \$272.82 for materials, \$300 for landscaping labor = \$572.82

Sincerely,

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