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Mayor and Members of the City Council

STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of January 13, 2025

Title/Subject

HURA Facade Grant - Club 24/Orien Fiander 4N2811CC Tax Lot 2600 - 555 S Hwy 395

Summary and Background

The Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency has received a façade grant application for exterior improvements to commercial property located at 555 S Highway 395. The grant eligible improvements proposed include new windows, siding, and paint. An additional building and interior remodeling of the existing building is proposed as part of the overall project. The estimated budget for the eligible improvements is \$152,721. The applicant is requesting an award of \$20,000. Under the terms of the grant program, the district may provide a match of up to 50% of the project budget up to a maximum award of \$20,000. Projects which have private investment in excess of \$75,000 that benefit the city as a whole and not just the district, may increase the total match at the discretion of the committee. The planning commission considered and scored the grant request at their December 11 regular meeting. The planning commission's scoring (attached) reached a recommended match of 50%. The planning commission discussed the improvements with the applicant. The planning commission considered the degree of overall improvements to the site and the number of submitted grant applications and recommended going over the \$20,000 cap for a total grant award amount of \$30,000. The city council acting as the urban renewal agency board may choose to approve the grant as recommended or change the grant amount.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Urban renewal and downtown revitalization are council goals.

Fiscal Information

There is sufficient funding in the façade grant budget for 2024-25 to accommodate the recommended grant award of \$30,000.

Alternatives and Recommendation

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The city council may choose to accept the planning commission recommendation of a \$30,000 grant award or modify the grant amount.

Recommended Action/Motion

The proposed facade improvements will improve the appearance of the building and the downtown corridor. When considering the amount of the grant award the committee should determine if the project's improvements provide a benefit to the entire city or only the district. Staff recommends the council accept the planning commission recommendation.

Motion to approve the grant award for the exterior improvements to 555 S Hwy 395 in the amount of \$30,000 or as may be modified by the city council.

Submitted By:

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