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Members of the Planning Commission
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of July 8, 2026

Title/Subject

Facade Grant - Christianson Realty Group 4N2811CB Tax Lot 100 - 398 E Ridgeway Ave

Summary and Background

The Hermiston Urban Renewal District has received a façade grant application for improvements to commercially zoned property located at 398 E Ridgeway Ave. The proposed improvements to the building include replacing siding, paint, clean & repair retaining wall, new front door, new fencing, remove lawn and install commercial landscaping, parking lot & concrete walkway renovations, updated handrails, and new exterior light fixtures. The estimated budget for the improvements is \$50,000. 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 of \$20,000.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Urban renewal and downtown revitalization are council goals.

Fiscal Information

The project is eligible for up to \$20,000 in matching funds. If awarded, the grant is anticipated to be paid in the 2026-27 fiscal year, in which there is sufficient funding to accommodate the grant.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

The planning commission may choose to approve the grant request and determine an appropriate match percentage or reject the grant request.

Recommended Action/Motion

When scoring the application, commissioners should determine if the project's improvements meet the criteria applied to façade improvements.

The planning commission should score the application, and the match determination will be calculated from the average of all scores.

No motion is required.

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