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STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of July 27, 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.

The Hermiston Planning Commission reviews and scores façade grant applications at the direction of the city council. At the regular planning commission meeting on July 8, 2026, the planning commission reviewed and scored the application. Based upon the planning commission's scoring, a match of 50% is recommended to the city council. A 50% match of the project budget will result in the maximum reimbursement of \$20,000.

Tie-In to Council Goals

1.1 Update downtown urban renewal plan.

Fiscal Information

The project is eligible for up to \$20,000 in matching funds. There is sufficient funding in the facade grant budget for 2026-27 to accommodate this grant. Funds which are unexpended at the end of each fiscal year roll into the next fiscal year.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

The city council may choose to:

- Accept the planning commission recommendation of a 50% match
- Modify the match percentage

Recommended Action/Motion

The proposed facade improvement will improve the appearance of the building and enhance the corner of NE 4th St and E Ridgeway Ave. Staff recommends the council accept the planning commission recommendation.

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