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Mayor and Members of the City Council

STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of May 13, 2024

Title/Subject

IGA with City of Pendleton to provide CDBG funded small business grants to support businesses impacted by COVID.

Summary and Background

The City of Pendleton ended up being the lead applicant on a small regional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) aimed at benefitting small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Part of the regional application included participation by other cities in the area, including Hermiston. Now that the program is winding down, the City of Pendleton was notified that they needed to have IGA's in place with the other cities to memorialize their participation; which is what this action is.

The grants are specifically for businesses which, for whatever reason, had not previously received any of the numerous other sources of federal funding related to COVID-19. The grants are relatively small (\$5,000 each). A group of representatives from the cities of Pendleton, Hermiston, and Milton-Freewater have met a few times over the past couple of years to review and approve applications recommended by Euvalcree, which is the non-profit which is paid to administer the program locally. To date, approximately 10-15 grants have been awarded, with 7 or 8 going to businesses in the Hermiston/Umatilla area.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Goal 1 Economic Development.

Fiscal Information

No fiscal impact.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve IGA.
2. Reject IGA.

3. Table and request changes.

Recommended Action/Motion

Motion to approve IGA as presented.

Submitted By:

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