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Members of the Planning Commission
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of September 14, 2022

Title/Subject

Facade Grant- Stanton Smith 4N2811CB Tax Lot 6900- 395 E Main St

Summary and Background

The Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency has received a façade grant application for exterior improvements to commercial property located at 395 E Main St. A façade grant was awarded to the property owners for the adjacent property in January of 2022 and similar improvements are proposed for this property. The façade grant eligible improvements proposed include new storefront, windows, façade, stucco, parapet, and light fixtures to the E Main St frontage of the building. Exterior improvements to the NE 4th St and alley frontages are proposed in future phases. Additional remodeling is proposed for the interior of the building. The estimated budget for the eligible improvements is \$81,323. The applicant is requesting an award of \$40,000. 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 \$10,000. 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.

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 2022-23 to accommodate a 50% match of either the \$10,000 cap or the requested \$40,000.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

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

Recommended Action/Motion

When scoring the application, the commissioners should determine if the project's improvements provide a benefit to the entire city or only the district.

The planning commission should score the application and the match determination will be calculated from the average of all scores. Should the planning commission choose to award an amount greater than the \$10,000 cap, a motion should be made as to the amount of the recommended award.

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