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## **STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of December 11, 2024

### **Title/Subject**

HURA Facade Grant - 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.

### **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 a 50% match of the \$20,000 cap.

### **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 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 \$20,000 cap, a motion should be made as to the amount of the recommended award.

**Submitted By:**

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