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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of February 24, 2025

**Title/Subject**

Facade Grant - Hermiston Masonic Lodge #138 4N2810DA TL 10400 - 200 W Orchard Ave

**Summary and Background**

The Hermiston Urban Renewal District has received a façade grant application for improvements to commercially zoned property located at 200 W Orchard Ave. The proposed improvements to the Masonic Lodge include the addition of exterior lighting, replacement of signage and adding an additional sign. The estimated budget for the improvements is \$8,626. The applicant is requesting an award of \$4,313. 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. The planning commission considered and scored the grant request at their February 12 regular meeting. The planning commission's scoring (attached) reached a recommended match of 40%.

**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 the recommended grant match of 40% for the \$8,626 project budget.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

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The city council may choose to accept the planning commission recommendation of a 40% match or modify the match percentage.

**Recommended Action/Motion**

The proposed improvements will improve the appearance of the property and downtown. Staff recommends the council accept the planning commission recommendation.

Motion to approve a 40% match award for the exterior improvements and signage to 200 W Orchard Ave.

**Submitted By:**

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