



*Where Life is Sweet*

Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of April 24, 2023

**Title/Subject**

An application for a façade grant has been submitted for property located at 205 S Hwy 395.

**Summary and Background**

The Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency received a façade grant application for improvements to commercial property located at 205 S Hwy 395. The proposed landscape improvements include rock, parking lot lighting, paving, building signs, and a trash enclosure. The estimated budget for the improvements applying for grant reimbursement is over \$95,000. The project is eligible for a match of up to \$20,000 based on the projected budget.

The lot is currently being developed with a coffee shop. A drive-thru and a walk-up window will be available to serve patrons.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

Urban renewal and downtown revitalization are council goals.

**Fiscal Information**

The project is eligible for up to \$20,000 in matching funds. If awarded, the grant is anticipated to be paid in the 2023-24 fiscal year, in which there is sufficient funds to accommodate the grant.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

The city council may choose to accept the planning commission recommendation of a 50% match or modify the match percentage.

Recommended Action/Motion

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

Motion to approve a 50% match for the improvements to 205 S Hwy 395.

**Submitted By:**

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