

# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** December 11, 2025

**MEETING TYPE:** Hutchins EDC Board Meeting

**SUBMITTED BY:** Guy Brown

**AGENDA CAPTION:** Consideration and Action regarding Amended and Restated Local Business Grant Agreement for property located at 211 and 213 Main Street in Hutchins.

Presented by: Guy Brown HEDC Executive Director

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## **Background Information**

Earlier this year, the HEDC received a request for assistance with a retail project at 211 and 213 Main Street. The owner (Brandon Ashley, Big Moose BBQ and SoufFood) intends to locate a restaurant at the location. The HEDC Board of Directors recommend an infrastructure grant to assist with the cost for signage, vent hood and physical improvements at the location that was subsequently approved by the Council.

The original agreement required the applicant to receive a Certificate of Occupancy at the location by December 31, 2025. The Applicant is now requesting an extension to June 30, 2026.

## **Budget Implications**

The cost of the assistance is derived from the HEDC budget. A grant up to \$16,500 was approved and recommended by the HEDC Board of Directors at the February 13, 2025, meeting. Extending the agreement provides the applicant with more time to satisfy the conditions of the grant.

## **Operational Impact**

Operational impact is minimal, the HEDC will release the grant to the business once the terms of the agreement are met.

## **Legal Review**

The City Attorney has drafted a Restated and Amended Economic Development Agreement related to the project.

## **Staff Recommendation**

The Executive Director is recommending that the Board extend the agreement until June 30, 2026