



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: September 30, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Commercial Restoration Rehab Grant Application – 114-116 1st St E

BACKGROUND:

Pete Gaumer, River Palace Holdings, submitted the application on October 3, 2024. This building houses Studio 21 Photography and some of the Gedney Bakery & Coffeehouse. The work they propose to do is included in the agenda packet and will be done on two sides of the building.

Per the program's requirements, it states:

Applications for assistance are limited to a maximum of 33.3% of the costs or \$5,000 per side, whichever is lowest. Under no circumstances shall an applicant be eligible for more than \$20,000 overall. Construction costs will be tallied to determine the percentage/\$\$ figure for assistance.

DISCUSSION:

The maximum calculated amount that the City can award under the program is \$9,165.75, which is 33.3% of the overall project costs of \$27,500. This is the limiting factor since it is less than \$10,000, which would be the limit for two sides.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community and Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by supporting existing businesses and assisting them with remodeling to keep their buildings vibrant and attractive.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

This program is funded with Tax Increment Finance dollars and would need to be included in the Fiscal Year 2026 certification report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve the Commercial Restoration Rehab Grant Application with River Palace Holdings in the amount of \$9,165.75.