

MEMO



TO: Mayor Hahs and Members of the Board of Aldermen

FROM: Janet Sanders, Building & Planning Manager

DATE: October 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Missouri Main Street Connection Workshop – HPF Grant Application

Missouri Main Street Connection is a non-profit organization of whom the City of Jackson and Uptown Jackson Revitalization are both members. MMSC holds annual conferences and quarterly trainings for their membership. They have requested to hold a quarterly workshop in Jackson in November of 2023. These workshops bring downtown revitalization directors and other members from throughout the state who spend one to two days in town for their training. Since this workshop will feature Historic Preservation speakers, MMSC is seeking partial funding through a Historic Preservation Fund Grant offered by the State Historic Preservation Office.

As a non-profit, MMSC cannot apply directly for this grant. As a Certified Local Government (CLG), the City of Jackson can apply and obtain extra “points” in the grant competition for being a CLG. Therefore, MMSC is asking the city to serve as the grant applicant with MMSC handling all the work of applying and administering the grant and providing all matching funding required. They have provided their proposed budget for the workshop, but there would be no cost to the city.

If the Board is willing to serve in this role, a letter of support will need to be officially approved by resolution at a later meeting. At the present time, MMSC has submitted a pre-application to show their interest in applying for the grant funding.