



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kelly Violette
Executive Director

MEETING DATE: December 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Murchison Spice Company

ITEM TYPE: Action

The Tomball Economic Development Corporation has received a request from Cheryl Murchison, CEO and Owner of Murchison Spice Company, for funding assistance through the TEDC's Rental Incentive Program.

Murchison Spice Company was previously located at 210 W. Main Street, Tomball, Texas 77375. Mrs. Murchison and her husband have purchased the property at 1710 S. Cherry Street, Tomball, Texas 77375 and plan to lease the 1,400 square foot space to Murchison Spice Company. Murchison Spice Company has been in business in Tomball since 2024. The company currently sells culinary spices, olive oils, balsamic vinegars, botanical health products and kitchen accessories. They plan to expand their product offerings based on local feedback and plan to host a variety of events, from cooking classes and art workshops, to Girl Scout tea parties and private celebrations for the community in their new space.

The goal of the TEDC's Rental Incentive Program is to assist in the establishment of new businesses in existing vacant spaces and to stimulate commercial investment in the City of Tomball. In accordance with the Rental Incentive Program Policy, the proposed performance agreement is for 25% of the base monthly rent for the first year of operation only, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The lease agreement that was submitted in conjunction with the request letter shows a three-year lease commitment with a monthly rent amount of \$3,500.00 for the first 12 months. The proposed grant amount is \$10,000.00, payable after the first year of operation based on landlord verification of rents paid and meeting the performance agreement criteria.

Although this project does not create primary jobs, it does promote the development and expansion of business enterprise, which is considered a permissible project as outlined in Texas Economic Development Legislation. If this project is approved, it will go to the Tomball City Council for final approval by resolution at two separate readings.

