
Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Authorization to Submit SIED Application for Rentschler Lane Improvements

Attachments: Resolution 2025-40 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Yakima County SIED Board

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Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, PE - City Manager

Discussion:

Busy Bees Child Development Center recently constructed an expansion to their building at 801 Guyette Avenue, adjacent to the undeveloped Rentschler Lane. As a condition of development, and nexus of the expansion, Busy Bees is required to construct improvements those to the frontage of their property.

In an effort to support economic development in Toppenish and provide safe and accessible roadways, the City of Toppenish may pursue grant funding to aid in the construction of these improvements.

To fund construction, the City, in coordination with Busy Bee, intends to apply for a Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) grant and loan through Yakima County Development Association (YCDA). The SIED program provides financial support to public infrastructure projects that directly support economic development and private investment.

The Rentschler Lane Improvements Project includes the design and construction of paved roadway sections, drainage facilities, and other associated improvements to bring the existing gravel road up to City standards. This infrastructure work is anticipated to benefit not only the Busy Bee facility but also potential future developments in adjacent parcels.

The SIED application will request up to \$400,000 in funding for the construction phase. SIED funding requires a 20-percent match which will be provided by the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. The loan requirement will also be reimbursed from existing funding provided by YCDA.

Approval of this resolution allows the City Manager to submit the grant and loan application on behalf of the City. The application is due Jul 3, 2025 and the board meeting will be held on July 17, 2025, to review the funding application. Staff will know during the board meeting if the application was successful.

Fiscal Impact:

None. If awarded, the match and loan requirements of the SIED funding will be repaid using funds provided to the City by YVCF and YCDA.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2025-40, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Yakima County SIED Board for up to \$400,000 in grant and loan funds for the Rentschler Lane Improvements Project.