



MEMORANDUM

TO: Angela Threadgill, Planning and Economic Development Director

FROM: Shirley Baylis, Business Development Manager

DATE: May 9, 2024

RE: Awards of Commercial Facade Improvement Grants

The purpose of the memorandum is to present a recommendation of approval from the Grant Review Committee for the awards of nine (9) grants related to the Commercial Facade Improvement Grant (CFIG) program. The Decatur Development Authority appropriated \$100,000 for the program in its FY 2023-2024 budget in support of City of Decatur retail small business owners and commercial property owners for renovations and repairs to commercial exteriors. This is the second round of the grant program. Of the 13 applications received, the following nine (9) submissions are recommended for approval by the review committee totaling \$40,464.23.

When combined with the first round of 11 grants, a total of \$78,402.97 would be expended from the program budget.

Staff also recommends that a condition that prior to any issuance of grant funds is contingent upon all licenses, fees and taxes being paid in full to the City of Decatur.

Approval Recommendations

O'Sullivan's Pub Group (d/b/a O'Sullivan's On the Square)

111 Sycamore Street

Project: Replace wooden frame and signage on the facade. Repaint the building front and add new lights that will be reflected on the building and replace the front door.

Requested Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$3,645.00

Conspiracy Ale Society d/b/a Inner Voice Brewing

308 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite H

Project: Bike Racks

Requested Amount: \$2,500.00

Recommended Amount: \$2,353.23

JC Scott Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Parker's on Ponce

116 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue

Project: New windows on the front of the building.

Requested Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$10,000.00

Giggling Otter Enterprises d/b/a Brick Store Pub

127 E. Court Square

Project: Removing old glass storefront at the former Sweet Melissa's space and renovating with new windows, recessed door, and leaded glass transoms.

Requested Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$10,000.00

Benchwarmers Decatur, LTD, d/b/a Bench Warmers Sports Grill

240 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue

Project: Business Sign/Mural

Requested Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$2,500.00

Lenz, Inc. d/b/a Lenz Marketing

545 N. McDonough Street

Project: Removal of ATM and patching, removal of depository box and patching, replace existing front doors and restore glass panels, restore & replace existing lights, remove exterior electrical outlet, add new exterior signage.

Requested Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$10,000.00

Micro Grants

Bistro Associates d/b/a Café Lily

308-B W. Ponce de Leon Avenue

Project: Painting outside railing.

Requested Amount: \$490.00

Recommended Amount: \$367.50

Porthole Co., LLC, d/b/a The Imperial

726 W. College Avenue

Project: Paint the patio walls, front walls, doors, and exposed HVAC duct.

Requested Amount: \$1,000.00

Recommended Amount: \$1,000.00

Rebel Teahouse

225 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue

Project: Replacing entry door glass due to break-in.

Requested Amount: \$598.50

Recommended Amount: \$598.50