



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

Title of Item: Revitalization Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by: Mark Jeffers	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator	Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Aitkin County Economic Development Committee has received and reviewed grant funding requests for the Revitalization Grant Program. Grant applications for all grants applications reviewed and grant award summary are included.

The Committee recommends and requests approval to award the following grant at this time:

Big Tom's Diner \$2,812.00

The purpose of this grant fund is to help support local businesses to upgrade/revitalize the outside presence of their business property in our community in an effort to drive economic growth. As business owners and members of our community, it is important that we establish and maintain an image of growth and success. The fund will help support upgrades of awnings, signage, outdoor aesthetics and general business image and appearance.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Economic Development requests approval of a motion to award the recommended grants.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

This funding is budgeted through the ARPA funding.

2023 Revitalization Grant Program

#	Applicant Name	Project Name	City	\$ requested	\$ Awarded	Informed
1	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Terrace Project	<u>Aitkin</u>	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
2	Growth Innovations	Building painting	<u>Aitkin</u>	\$ 12,814.68		Yes
3	Lowes Properties	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
4	Sam's Custom Meat Processing	Door replacement	Tamarack	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
5	Northland Hydraulic Services	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
6	Sarah's Shining Star Daycare	sign replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
7	The Locker Room	Patio construction (between Block North and The Locker Room)	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Yes
8	Jaques Art Center	upgrade of doors	Aitkin	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00	Yes
9	HOPE	Tree removal to add statue		\$ 5,000.00		Yes
10	Holy Family Catholic Church	upgrade of signage and siding	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
11	Roadside Market	new siding on retail building	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
12	ASAP Towing	new lot upgrade	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
	My Crafts & Things	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,151.50	\$ 1,151.50	Yes
	Smokey Jakes BBQ	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 1,006.00	Yes
13	Growth Innovations: Property 2, main street Aitkin	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 1,520.75	\$ 1,521.00	Yes
14	Village Pump Saloon	painting exterior of business	Tamarack	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00	Yes
15	SB Pharmacy	Sealing and striping of parking lot	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
16	Round Lake Resort	new dock installation	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	Yes
17	Sunny's	sign replacement	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
18	City of Palisade	outside upgrade	Palisade	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	yes
19	Ginger Marie's	awning installation	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Yes
#1 ®	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Patio construction	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Yes
20	Aitkin ALANO Society	Exterior building painting	Aitkin	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	yes

21	Palisade One Stop	replace current roadside signage	Palisade	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	Yes
22	Angels of McGregor	roof replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
23	Trails Inn Quadna Mountain	campground improvement	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00		yes
24	Hello Gorgeous	awning installation- new business	Aitkin	\$ 712.50	\$ 712.50	Yes
25	McGregor Home Center	exterior upgrades	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
26	McGregor Baking Company	exterior upgrades	McGregor	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Yes
27	Wilson and Associates (Am Fam)	front exterior upgrades	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,094.43	Yes
28	BarTopp Wash	exterior painting	McGregor	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	Yes
29	Crossroads Hotel	exterior painting	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Yes
30	Jack's Shack	roof top signage/ building removal	McGregor	\$ 3,378.28	\$ 1,278.00	
31	Affordable Abodes LLC	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00		
32	Big Tom's Diner	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 2,812.00	\$ 2,812.00	
				\$ 154,665.71	\$ 69,345.43	

Remaining \$ 76.57

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Application for Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program 2023

- Grant requests should be submitted by EMAIL to: mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us, subject line: Revitalization Grant 2023 or by mail to:
Mark Jeffers
Aitkin County Government Center,
307 2nd Street NW, Room 316,
Aitkin, MN 56431.
- Funding recommendations will be considered at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee.
- Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: Big Tom's Diner

Address: 120 Minnesota Ave.
Aitkin, MN 56431

Person in Charge of Project: Cory Eken

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):
21049 220th Street
McBrath, MN 56350

Contact Person's Phone #: 651-338-1751

Contact Person's Email: ceken1977@gmail.com

Description of your organization:

Big Tom's Diner is a 50's style restaurant. We feature Malts, shakes, burgers, fries and breakfast is served all day.

Mission Statement of your organization:

Our mission is to give our guest a "Back to the 50's" experience.



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 2812.⁰⁰
 (Minimum \$1000, maximum request is \$5,000). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.

Amount of the business' match \$ 2812.⁰⁰

Total projected budget \$ 5624.⁰⁰

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

Project is to replace old cloth awning with a new
 "Cooley Lite" sign above the front doors on Minnesota Ave.
 Also to replace the awning above the windows with a new
 awning.

PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Cooley Lite Sign and awning	2812. ⁰⁰	2812. ⁰⁰	5624. ⁰⁰
TOTALS			

Will your organization accept a grant if it is partially funded?
Yes

Along with your application, please attach all documents that will assist the committee in their decision. Examples may include drawings or sketches of planned awning or signage upgrades, detailed quotes of work to be accomplished (if available).

Business Owner Signature:


Name _____ Date: 11/1/23

Cloquet: 218.879.9712 Minneapolis: 612.870.7634 Toll Free: 800.566.8368 Fax: 218.879.2936
E-mail: sales@advancedawning.com 1600 29th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720

From: Scott Youngdahl
scott@advanceddesign.biz; Cell: 218-390-9903

November 9, 2023

Cocktails, Drafts, & Eats Inc.
Attention: Corey

Exterior Awnings Recover and 1 New

Quantity	2
Style/Shape	Waterfall
Length	234' and 91"
Height	36"
Projection	36"
Face	24" on the new waterfall
Graphics	As per computer image dated Customer to provide vectorized .eps file for custom artwork and logos
Lights	3 4' fixtures in the 91" awning
Eggcrating	White in the 91" awning
Fabric	Sunbrella Acrylic Substrate and Cooley Lite on the New awning
Frame	1" Welded Aluminum Tubing for the new awning
Completion	Re-installed
Cost:	\$5,624.00

(50% due upon signing and balance due upon completion)

- Price does not include applicable sales tax
- Time to produce or digitize logos, artwork, or text, if the customer cannot provide, will be charged at \$75.00 per hour and will be added to the invoice.
- Customer retains the responsibility for any building and/or sign permits. The cost is not included in this proposal. All permits obtained by Advanced Design will have the cost added to the invoice. Any additional outside engineering required in the permitting process will be added to the invoice.

Advanced Design Awnings & Signs is not responsible for any on-site electrical or for preparation of mounting surface. The building must be awning or sign ready prior to installation. Illuminated awnings and signs are UL listed.

Payment is to be made as follows:

50% deposit is to be submitted with acceptance of this proposal. Any production work associated with this proposal will not begin until deposit is received from customer. Balance is due upon final installation, any balance due after installation is subject to a 1.5% per month finance charge. Our accounting department is responsible for approving any changes to this payment agreement. NOTE: all CREDIT CARD payments on this proposal will have 3.5% service charge added.

****Retention of Title: Advanced Design owns the awnings and/or signs until balance is paid in full.**

****Engineering Charges: Additional charges may be applied and added to total cost if customer chooses to make changes to design following signature to frame drawings and/or art data.**

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra

charge over and above the estimate. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance. This proposal is good for 15 days.

GOVERNING LAW; VENUE. It is mutually understood and agreed that this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, both as to interpretation and performance. Any action at law, suit in equity or judicial proceeding for the enforcement of this contract or any provision hereof shall be instituted only in Carlton County, Minnesota.

DOWN PAYMENT. Customer shall pay Advanced Design the down payment as provided herein which, at the option of Advanced Design, shall be a condition precedent to commencing work.

FORCE MAJEURE. This contract is subject to *force majeure*, and is contingent upon strikes, accidents, acts of God, weather conditions, inability to secure labor, fire regulations or restrictions imposed by any government or governmental agency, or other delays beyond the control of the parties.

NONPAYMENT; REMOVAL OF AWNING/SIGN. Customer hereby agrees in advance that if payment is not received as provided in this Contract, Advanced Design shall have the right during regular business hours to enter upon Customer's premises and remove the awning/sign, without notice.

NOTICE TO OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY.

The following notice applies when Advanced Design is under direct contract with the owner of real property:

ANY PERSON OR COMPANY SUPPLYING LABOR OR MATERIALS FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT TO YOUR PROPERTY MAY FILE A LIEN AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY IF THAT PERSON OR COMPANY IS NOT PAID FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PAY PERSONS WHO SUPPLIED LABOR OR MATERIALS FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT DIRECTLY AND DEDUCT THIS AMOUNT FROM OUR CONTRACT PRICE, OR WITHHOLD THE AMOUNTS DUE THEM FROM US UNTIL 120 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS UNLESS WE GIVE YOU A LIEN WAIVER SIGNED BY PERSONS WHO SUPPLIED ANY LABOR OR MATERIAL FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND WHO GAVE YOU TIMELY NOTICE.

Advanced Design Awnings & Signs Authorized Signature: _____ Dated: 10/30/2023
Scott Youngdahl

I understand the above credit and collection terms.

Customer's Acceptance of Proposal:

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Company Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date of Acceptance: _____

Name (Please Print) _____ Title (Please Print) _____

Deposit Check # _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____



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Business Name: *Affordable Abodes, LLC*

Address:

*124 Minnesota Ave.
Aitkin, MN
56431*

Person in Charge of Project:

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

*21049 220th St.
McGrath, MN 56350*

Contact Person's Phone #: *651-338-1751*

Contact Person's Email: *ceken1977@gmail.com*

Description of your organization:

Affordable abodes, is a rental company that currently owns and leases out six single family homes in Aitkin County and owns the old "Holder building" located at the South East corner of the Stop lights.

Mission Statement of your organization:

Our mission is to offer affordable housing and rental units in Aitkin County.



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Quantity	8
Style/Shape	Mansards
Length	300 feet of recovers
Height	Mansards at 30"
Projection	Mansards at 24"
Face	24"
Graphics	As per computer image dated Customer to provide vectorized .eps file for custom artwork and logos
Lights	None
Eggcrating	None
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Frame	Existing
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Cost:	\$11,892.00

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