



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Title of Item: Revitalization Grant: Award funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Mark Jeffers		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>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.</p> <p>The Committee recommends and requests approval to award the following grant at this time:</p> <p>AK's Barbershop \$2,000.00</p> <p>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.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: Economic Development requests approval of a motion to award the recommended grants.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> This funding is budgeted through the ARPA funding.		

2023 Revitalization Grant Program

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

#1 ®	Gramma's Pantry/Beanery	Patio construction	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
20	Aitkin ALANO Society	Exterior building painting	Aitkin	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
21	Palisade One Stop	replace current roadside signage	Palisade	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
22	Angels of McGregor	roof replacement	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	
23	Trails Inn Quadna Mountain	campground improvement	Hill City	\$ 5,000.00	
24	Hello Gorgeous	awning installation- new business	Aitkin	\$ 712.50	\$ 712.50
25	McGregor Home Center	exterior upgrades	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
26	McGregor Baking Company	exterior upgrades	McGregor	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
27	Wilson and Associates (Am Fam)	front exterior upgrades	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,094.43
28	BarTopp Wash	exterior painting	McGregor	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00
29	Crossroads Hotel	exterior painting	McGregor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
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
33	AK's Barbershop	awning replacement	Aitkin	\$ 2,981.00	\$ 2,000.00
				\$ 157,646.71	\$ 71,345.43



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Application for Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program 2023

1. 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.
2. Funding recommendations will be considered at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee.
3. Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Business Name: AK's Barbershop
Address: 122 Minnesota Ave North
Aitkin MN 56431

Person in Charge of Project: Tidholm Productions
Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):
18 2nd St NE
Aitkin MN 56431
Contact Person's Phone #: Anil Kermally (425) 628-4164
Contact Person's Email: AKsBarbershop@gmail.com
Description of your organization: Barbershop

Mission Statement of your organization:



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County

\$??

(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

\$ 10-20%

Total projected budget

\$ 4,103.00 - \$ 5,964.00
respectively

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

Replacement of weathered awning with new signage repositionment.

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

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
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 [Signature] Date: 12/18/23



Printing ~ Signage ~ Promotional Items

AK's Barber Shop
122 MN Ave N
Aitkin, MN 56431

December 18, 2023

We are pleased to submit the following "AK's New Exterior Awning" bid as requested, based on the specifications provided.

Exterior Awning Recover – Option 1

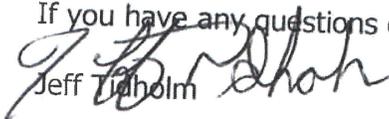
Quantity	1
Style/Shape	Mansard
Length	13'11"
Height	72"
Projection	36"
Face	9"
Graphics	As per computer image Customer to provide vectorized .eps file for custom artwork and logos
Lights	None
Eggcrating	Existing
Fabric	Jockey Red and Mediterranean Blue Sunbrella Acrylic Substrate
Frame	Existing
Completion	Re-Installed
Cost:	\$4,183.00*

Striped Option – Option 2

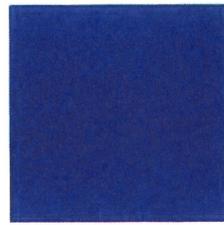
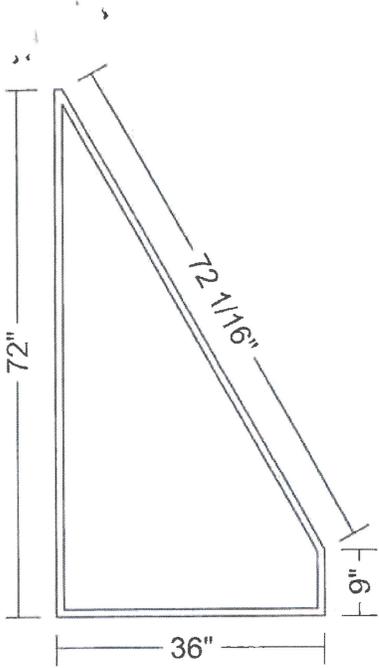
Fabric	Mediterranean Blue Sunbrella Acrylic Substrate with a Cadet Gray slope with pressed vinyl stripes
Cost:	\$5,964.00*

*Note: It is understood all data, electronic files, art and copy needed to complete job will be included. Graphic design services if not listed above and would be billed at \$56.00 per hour actual. 50% deposit is due upon acceptance of bid amount. Bid good for 30 days from above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call,


Jeff Tidholm

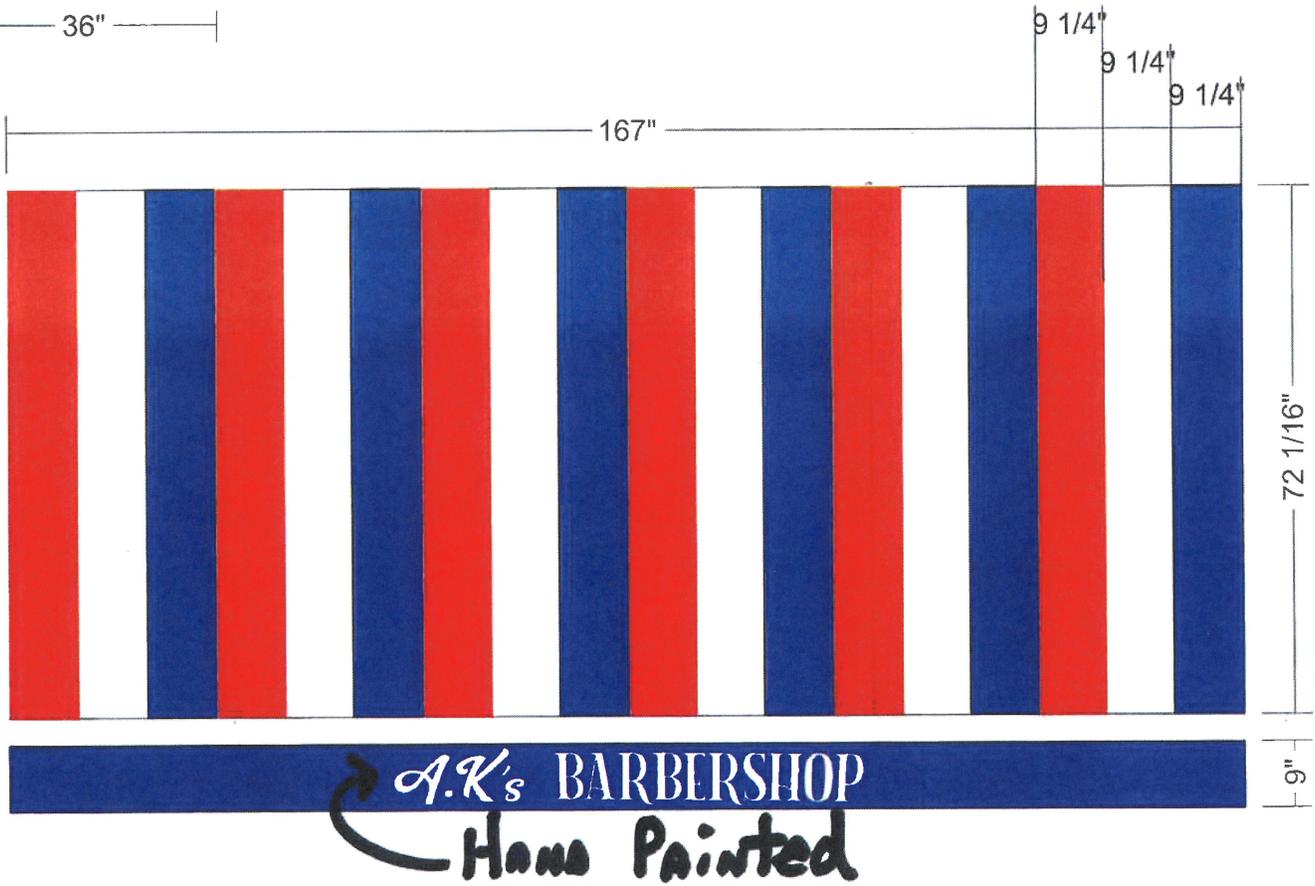
18 2nd St NE ~ P.O Box 251, Aitkin, MN 56431
Office: 218.928.8888 ~ Printing@TidholmProductions.com ~ TidholmProductions.com

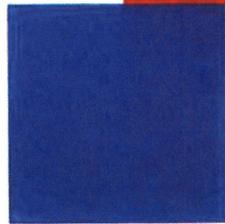
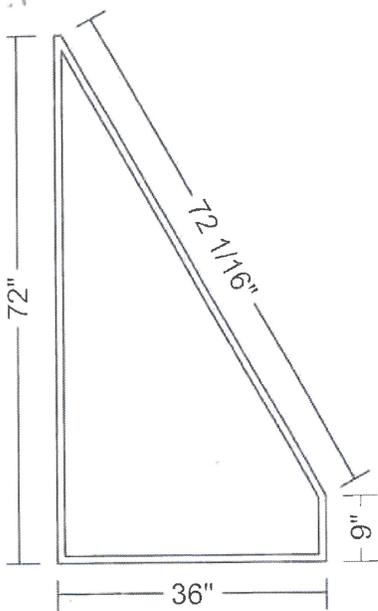


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OPTION 1:
 STYLE: RECOVER
 QUANTITY: 1
 MATERIAL: MEDITERRANEAN BLUE
 SUNBRELLA
 GRAPHICS: PRESSED VINYL:
 TOMATO RED 7725-13
 WHITE 7725-10
 LIGHTS: NONE
 DIFFUSION PANELS: EXISTING
 VALANCE: NONE
 ENDS: CLOSED
 POWER: NONE

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OPTION 2:
 STYLE: RECOVER
 QUANTITY: 1
 MATERIAL: JOCKEY RED SUNBRELLA
 MEDITERRANEAN BLUE SUNBRELL
 GRAPHICS: PAINTED WHITE
 LIGHTS: NONE
 DIFFUSION PANELS: EXISTING
 VALANCE: NONE
 ENDS: CLOSED
 POWER: NONE

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