

AGENDA CITY OF LAUREL LAUREL RENEWAL AGENCY MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019 11:00 AM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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General Items

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes: July 22, 2019
- 3. Big Sky EDA

New Business

4. Follow-Up: 2019 Large Grants

Old Business

- 5. Small Grant Application: D&D Trust
- 6. Follow-Up: LURA Board and City Council Discussion
- 7. Follow-Up: General Small Grant Program

Other Items

Announcements

8. Next Meeting: September 16, 2019

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Item Attachment Documents:

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: July 22, 2019



MINUTES CITY OF LAUREL LAUREL URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019 11:00 AM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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General Items

1. Roll Call

Chair called meeting to order at 11:00AM

Daniel Klein
Janice Lehman
Don Smarsh
Mardie Spalinger
Judy Goldsby
Nick Altonaga
Linda Frickel (Arrived at 11:09AM)

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2019

Mardie made a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 17, 2019. Daniel Seconded.

Motion Carried.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2019

Don made motion to approve meeting minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting of the Large Grant Committee.

Mardie seconded.

Motion Carried.

4. Approve Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2019

Daniel made motion to approve meeting minutes from the July 15, 2019.

Don Seconded.

Motion Carried.

5. Big Sky EDA

Representative from Big Sky EDA not in attendance.

6. Steve Solberg Advisory Resignation – Moved to end of agenda

New Business

6. Large Grant Follow-Up: Pelican Café

Chad Page attended meeting to discuss his application. Board members raised questions about budget estimates, line items, and how to allocate funds.

Daniel Motion to approve 64,295.00 to be recommended to City Council for final approval.

Don seconds.

Motion carries.

7. Large Grant Discussion: Coburn Tax Services

Discussion of Coburn tax services and need to re-classify the grant.

Don motioned to approve \$6,693 for General Small Grant program

Mardie Seconded.

Motion carried.

8. Large Grant Committee Findings Discussion

Board Members discussed grant budget spreadsheet developed by Large Grant Committee and how the approval and recommendation will work.

Dan motioned to approve large grant applications as established during the Large Grant Committee Meeting on 6/26/19.

Mardie Seconded.

Motion Carried.

9. Small Grant Application: MT State Firefighters Memorial

Discussion of grant requests (Signage and Small Grant)

Don motioned to approve \$9,500 and Sign grant at \$2,000

Mardie Seconded

Motion carried.

10. Small Grant Application: D&D Trust

Board members discussed the grant and the need for clarification and explanation of request.

Mardie made motion to send back application for clarification and verification

Don Seconded.

Motion Carried.

Old Business

11. Small Grant Application: Front Porch

Don Motioned to approve \$10,000 Façade Grant for Front Porch

Mardie seconded.

Motion Carried.

Other Items

12. Steve Solberg Advisory Resignation

Nick lead the discussion of LURA Board regarding:

- Ongoing issues with City Council,
- Resolutions and founding documents,
- Official purpose of the TIF District and the LURA Board perceptions of purpose,
- Economic impact,
- Budget,
- Future ability to conduct LURA business.

Nick notified LURA Board that Resolution R08-123 would be on discussion at upcoming City Council Workshop for possible rescinding and/or changes. Nick stressed the importance of the board to provide insight and viewpoints and that he would be speaking for the LURA Board and will work with the Board and City Council to refocus TIF District efforts.

13. District Budget

Announcements

14. Next Meeting: August 19, 2019

Dan made motion to adjourn.

Don seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

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5. Small Grant Application: D&D Trust

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LAUREL URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY (LURA)	OFFICE	USE ONLY
Grant Application	LURA REVIEW	DATE
☐ Small Grant (up to \$20,000)	PLANNER REVIEW	DATE
Technical Assistance Grant	CITY COUNCIL	DATE
☐ Façade Grant ☐ Sign Grant	AWARD	DATE
Large Grant (Greater than \$20,000)	NOTIFICATION	DATE
	INSPECTION	DATE
Application fees are non-refundable.	PAYMENT	DATE
Applicant Name (Last, First Middle)	Applicant Phone	
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Applicant Mailing Address (Street, City, State Zip)	Applicant E-Mail Addre	(76) and J. com
Business Name	Laurel Business Licens	e Number
Business Physical Address (Street, City, State Zip)	Business Phone	
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Business Activities (i.e. retail, office, etc.)		
Business Owner Name (Last, First Middle) Same as Applicant	Business Owner Phone	•
Business Owner Mailing Address (Street, City, State Zip)	Business Owner E-Mail	- Address
Building Frontage (building length along a public street) Building Height (number of stories defined current code)	by Historical District Buildin	ng Date Approved
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Property Legal Description (i.e. assessor parcel number)	2115 OL 4	11-8
Property Legal Owner and Contact Information	292 20184	LOTE
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certify under penalty of law, that the information provided herein is true, accurate understand that submitting an application does not guarantee a grant will be award the LURA board. Additionally, I verify that I have read and agree to abide by all ap Municipal Code as they apply to the LURA program. I am aware that a violation of my application or disqualification from participating in the LURA grant program.	ed, and that grant awards plicable regulations under	are at the discretion of Title 20 of the Laurel
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Application processing time is a	ox 10 I, MT 59044	
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	Applicant Initials	Page 58

Control No. 19-0405-130811

Previous Applications (if any)	Date	Control No.	Approved
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Name and Address of Technical Assistance Firm.	Name and Addre	ss of Contractor that will co	emplete the work.
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		Control No.	19-0405-130811
What type of general Small Grant is needed?		LURA Funds	Applicant Funds
	MCA	Requested	Committed
☐ Demolition/Abatement of Structure for	7-15-4288(2)	\$	\$
Removal of Blight			
Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters	7-15-4288(2)	\$	\$
Public Utilities			
Water, Wastewater, Storm Water	7-15-4288(4)	\$,1900.00	\$
☐ Electrical, Natural Gas, Fiberoptic,	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$
Telecommunications			
☐ Intersection Signals & HAWK Crossing	7-15-4288(4)	\$,	\$,
☐ Street & Alley Surface Improvements	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$
☐ Crosswalks	7-15-4288(4)	\$,	\$
☐ Green Space & Water Ways	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$,
☐ Improvement of Pedestrian Areas	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$,
☐ Historical Restorations	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$
☐ Off Street Parking for Public Use	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$,
☐ Bridges & Walkways	7-15-4288(4)	\$	\$
☐ Pollution Reduction	7-15-4288(12)	\$,	\$,
☐ Structural Repair			
☐ Flooring		\$	\$,
☐ Walls (interior)		\$	\$,
☐ Roof, Ceiling		\$	\$
Energy Efficiency Improvements			
☑ LED Lighting (interior)		\$	\$,
☐ Insulation		\$	\$,
☐ Programmable Thermostats		\$	\$,
☐ Solar Panels and Systems		\$	\$
	TOTAL:	\$ 30/6.00	\$

Control No. 19-0405-130811 What type of Small Grant is needed? Hours LURA Funds Applicant Funds ☐ Technical Assistance (up to 30 total) Requested Committed ☐ Architectural/Design Fees ☐ Landscape/Hardscape Design Fees Feasibility Study Fees ☐ Building Permit Fees Facade Grant ☐ Water Cleaning Prepping and Painting ☐ Window Replacement/Repair ☐ Door Replacement/Repair ☐ Entry Foyer Repairs □ Exterior Lighting ☐ Façade Restoration/Rehabilitation ☐ Landscape/Hardscape Improvements ☐ Signage and Awning Grant Signage Awning TOTAL: \$10,101.00

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	 □ Copy of Plans and Sketches (hand drawn will not be accepted) □ Copy of Supporting Documentation 							
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Dennys Electric Inc.

Billings, MT 59102

1057 S. 29TH ST W. STE D

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
5/24/2019	18096

Name / Address			
D & D Trust 29034 Finley Point Ln. Polson, MT 59860			

		Project
•1	•	105 E. Main, Laurel
Qty	Description	Total
	For: 105 E Main St., Laurel, MT 59044	3,032.00
	Retrofit existing lighting to LED. (first floor retail area only)	
	Replace 22 - 2x4 fluorescent fixtures to LED flat panel. Replace 4 - recessed can trims to LED retrofit trims. Replace 3 - 2x2 fluorescent fixtures to LED flat panels.	
	Note: Rebate program ends June 30, 2019. If funds are available, could see a rebate up to \$875 from NWE.	
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	Total	\$3,032.00

Phone #	E-mail	Web Site	Electrial Estimate Accepted By:
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Mobile Grime Control LLC

1007 Els Drive Laurel, MT 59044 US (406)298-0032 dan.mobilegrimecontrol@gmail.com www.mobilegrimecontrol.com



Receipt

Received From D&D Trust

Date: 05/18/2019

Reference No:

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	Original Amount	Balance	Payment
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415 Albert Street Billings, MT 59101 Phone: (406)256-3200

Fax: (406)256-3206



Bid Date: 5/10/19	Project: 105 E Main, Laurel
Design Drawings & Addenda Seen: None	
Quote #: RF2019105	Quote By: Ryann Fradenburgh
We propose to furnish the following described r	naterial for the above referenced project.
Scope of Work:	
Steel Joists:0 ton; Steel Deck: _	0 squares
Structural & Misc. Steel3 ton, i	
Channel Canopy - 18" Wire Mesh Infill	
Steel Brace/Tieback Rods	
Erection	
Specific Exclusions: This quote is for budgetary pur erection. It does not include any	poses only and only accounts for steel supply and y architectural design or engineering.
All of the above for the sum of \$_\$12,500.00	that includes truckload(s) of delivery
Primer Paint Included - finish paint by others following	; erection

Qualifications

- 1. WMK & Co., Inc. is an AISC Certified "BU" Fabricator.
- 2. Quote must be signed, dated, and returned before any work will begin.
- 3. Payments to be cash or *Net 30* on approved credit.
- 4. No "Pay if payed" or "Pay when payed" terms will be accepted.
- 5. This scope will be included as an attachment to the project contract.
- 6. Payment for fabricated and un-fabricated materials that are suitably stored and insured in our yard is required.
- 7. Schedules must be mutually agreed on by both the customer and WMK & Co. Delivery schedule to be determined.
- 8. All work to be done in a standard 40 hour week.
- 9. Back charges will not be accepted without WMK & Co.'s written acceptance of the back charge prior to commencement of work.
- 10. Price is based on no retainage, penalties, or liquidated damages.
- 11. Steel prices quoted in this bid are subject to a surcharge based on an increase in vendor prices or surcharges from the date of this bid until the date of WMK & Co.'s order of material to fulfil this agreement.
- 12. Pricing in this bid is valid for 15 days from the quote date.
- 13. Interest will be charged on any accounts that are past due.
- 14. WMK & Co. will not be responsible for items not called out above.
- 15. Price is F.O.B. jobsite, based on quoted number of complete truckloads, not partials.

Exclusions:

- 1. Field planning, field measuring, field surveys or as built surveys.
- 2. Unloading, installation, or erection.
- 3. Bolts, supports, or hangers for mechanical equipment for other trades.
- 4. Rebar, rebar accessories and welding of the same to structural steel.
- 5. Simpson Hardware.
- 6. Any steel shown on Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing drawings.
- 7. UniStrut material of any kind.
- 8. Items not sized or not specified on Architectural or Structural drawings.
- 9. Finish paint systems, powder coating, epoxy, anodizing, or touch-up or repair of painted or galvanized surfaces unless specifically called out above.
- 10. Any special inspection costs or per-diems from an outside inspector or agency, test, or bond.
- 11. Engineering, delegated design, or design work of any kind, or Registered Engineers stamp on shop drawings.
- 12. Access doors, panels, or hatches.
- 13. Grout, grouting, or shoring excluded with or without erection.
- 14. Wall brackets other than rail supplied by WMK & Co.
- 15. Expansion joint covers and column wraps or covers.
- 16. Deck supports at small openings and/or around columns unless specified.
- 17. Material less than 1/8" thick unless specifically included.
- 18. All federal, state, county, or municipal tax unless specifically called out above.
- 19. All epoxies, shims, metal framing studs, wooden studs, and ornamental iron.
- 20. Deck screws and accessories.
- 21. OSHA Regulation 29CFScope1926.750-Subpart R.
- 22. Signage or any and all sign posts.
- 23. Back charges, unless negotiated at the time of the occurrence.
- 24. Any items not shown of the Architectural or Structural drawings.
- 25. Galvanized, epoxy, emulsion, mastic, or finishes past SSPC-SP 2 unless included in scope.
- 26. Gauge metal or strapping, and any aluminum, brass, or stainless steel.
- 27. Masonry ties, straps, or anchors.
- 28. Anchor bolts and/or plate washers other than at structural steel columns.
- 29. Roof hatch, ladder up, or rail.
- 30. Trench grate, framing, or embeds unless included in scope.
- 31. Metal roofing, siding, panels, stair nosing, corner guards, or stud clips.
- 32. Overhead door track angles, guides, or supports.
- 33. Post or cable for temporary rail.
- 34. Erection, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

Accepted by:	
Signed:	Date:
Sincerely,	
Ryann Fradenburgh	406-927-2376



Yellowstone County, Montana

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Departments Contacts

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Owner Information

*Please Note: Owner information is supplied by the Montana Department of Revenue. To request updates to addresses or other ownership information, please contact the DOR office at 896-4000. Records for the current year will not be updated after tax bills have been sent out, so changes requested after you receive your bill will appear only on next year's records.

Tax ID: B00920

Primary Party

Primary Owner Name: D & D TRUST LLC Ownership History

2019 Mailing Address: D & D TRUST LLC

29034 FINLEY POINT LN POLSON, MT 59860-6805

Property Address: 105 E MAIN ST

Township: 02 S Range: 24 E Section: 09

Subdivision: LAUREL REALTY SUBD Block: 1 Lot: 8

Full Legal: LAUREL REALTY SUBD, S09, T02 S, R24 E, BLOCK 1, Lot 8

GeoCode: 03-0821-09-4-05-04-0000

Show on Map (May not work for some newer properties.)

Property Assessment Information

Levy District: LAUREL URBAN RENEWA TAX I

2018 Assessed Value Summary

Assessed Land Value = \$ 27,041.00

Assessed Building(s) Value = \$ 327,659.00

Total Assessed Value = \$ 354,700.00

The values shown for the given tax year are for taxation purposes only. They are supplied by the Department of Revenue. For questions about these values, please contact the Montana Department of Revenue, Appraisal/Assessment Office at 406-896-4000.

Rural SID Payoff Information NONE

Property Tax Billing History

Year	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
<u>2000</u>	739.42 P	739.41 P	1,478.83
2001	776.49 P	776.49 P	1,552.98
2002	813.64 P	813.64 P	1,627.28
2003	894.95 P	894.94 P	1,789.89
2004	951.64 P	951.64 P	1,903.28
2005	1,055.17 P	1,055.15 P	2,110.32
<u>2006</u>	1,078.07 P	1,078.06 P	2,156.13
2007	1,071.26 P	1,071.25 P	2,142.51

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Click on year for detail. Pay Taxes Online

School Attendance Areas

School District Trustee Links

High: LAUREL

Middle: LAUREL Elem: LAUREL

Jurisdictional Information

Commissioner Dist: 1 - John Ostlund (R)

Senate: 28 - Tom Richmond (R)

House: 55 - Vince Ricci (R)
Ward: 1 (LAUREL)

Emelie Kay Eaton Doug Poehls

Precinct: 55.4

Zoning: Central Business District

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Dennys Electric Inc.

1057 S. 29TH ST W. STE D

Billings, MT 59102

406-259-8765

Estimate

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Name / Address	12
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Item Attachment Documents:

6. Follow-Up: LURA Board and City Council Discussion

CITY HALL 115 W. 1ST ST. PLANNING: 628-4796 WATER OFC.: 628-7431 COURT: 628-1964 FAX 628-2241

City Of Laurel

P.O. Box 10 Laurel, Montana 59044



7/30/2019

City Council Talking Points regarding Rescinding Resolution R-08-123 LURA Statutory Powers

Notes from the Urban Renewal Plan

Urban Renewal Plan states that:

➤ "The Use of Tax Increment Financing is one of a few tools available to municipalities in the State of Montana that allows that municipality to **improve the community infrastructure** without raising property taxes or mill amounts to do it."

Three Directives:

- 1. **Adopt currently existing design and economic guidelines** that are critical in how the design of projects aided by tax increment financing should look
- 2. Establish tax increment financing as a tool to encourage urban renewal
- 3. Define and establish how the Laurel Urban Renewal District is the be managed

Guidelines established to have development exist within a framework to create cohesion within the district.

Goal: An economically and culturally vibrant Downtown Laurel

- Preserve and promote economic development of downtown laurel
- > Create a strong central 'core' for our community
- Establish downtown as a recognizable landmark

Goal: To Create a vibrant and cohesive extension of the core Downtown Laurel area.

- Adopt where it makes sense the positive aspects of the downtown core
- > The Laurel Urban Renewal District becomes known as a part of downtown rather than a separate area

Goal: Improve Traffic patterns to further enhance the business experience for the owner and the consumer

- > Slow down traffic to facilitate more shopping opportunities and business exposure
- Reconfigure traffic patterns where it makes sense to encourage two way traffic and theoretically double business exposure
- > Improve the pedestrian environment by adding well designed streetscape and sidewalks

Goal: Create a Destination Place where people will want to repeatedly visit

Through streetscape and street front improvements to manufacturing and industrial uses, create a friendly and aesthetically pleasing environment

- > Be conducive to out of town customers to obtain goods and services that cater to trucks and trailers
- > Create a sense of pride through home ownership
- > Improve quality of life
- > Encourage more live-work environments
- > Reduce crime in the area

Goal: Have state of the art, updated utilities and infrastructure

> Bring up to code water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and electrical services

Goals in Regards to Growth Management Plan

Goal: The Attractiveness of our community needs improvement

- Preserve and promote economic development of downtown Laurel
- > Create a strong central 'core' for our community
- Establish downtown as a recognizable landmark

Goal: More Housing and Business choices within the district

- > Improve the quality of life
- > Encourage more live-work environments
- Reduce commuting and subsequent drain on natural resources
- > Develop more self-contained neighborhoods

Focus on Mixed use developments and greater variety of choices Reduction of vehicle commuting

Goal: Rational Consideration of all public funds expenditures

- ➤ Identify and prioritize district needs
- > Empower public to provide direction on infrastructure improvements expenditures
- > Leverage public funds with other resources

Five potential growth factors

- 1. Improvements to existing businesses and land uses
- 2. Downtown housing that serves the needs of local residents
- 3. Expand opportunity for medical offices and clinics that complement and expand the current medical services and facilities in Laurel
- 4. Retail influx that is combined with a conference center, offices, or entertainment establishments
- 5. Professional offices to expand opportunities for new or relocated businesses

Planner Discussion Points

The LURA Board meets monthly to discuss any new grant applications for the large grant, façade, and technical assistance programs. These meetings also contain general conversation about ongoing projects and new developments within the District. Members of the LURA Board are active, engaged, thoughtful, and experienced in their many different fields. They bring many viewpoints to the discussions on the grant applications and provide important input. LURA Members are dependable in attending meetings and voicing their opinions regarding local issues/topics.

There are stated review criteria for grants that include:

LURA Application Review Criteria			
Relevance to the Laurel Gateway Plan	Impact Assessment		
Economic Stimulus	Financial Assistance		
Tax Generation	Project Feasibility		
Employment Generation	Developer Ability to Perform		
Elimination of Blight	Timely Completion		
Special or Unique Opportunities	Payment of Taxes		

I value the thoughtful and insightful viewpoints of the LURA Members while at the same time see that there has been a major breakdown in the understanding of the role and purpose of LURA. LURA functions under the city council, and within the larger TIF District as an advisory board. Resolution R08-123 outlined specific responsibilities for LURA and its membership.

Resolution R08-123

The City hereby authorizes and assigns the following urban renewal project powers to LURA:

- 1. To formulate and coordinate a workable program as specified in MCA 7-15-4209
- 2. To prepare urban renewal plans
- 3. To prepare recommended modifications to an urban renewal project plan
- 4. To disseminate blight clearance and urban renewal information
- 5. To enter any building or property in any urban renewal area in order to make surveys and appraisals in the manner specified in MCA 7-15-4257
- 6. To prepare plans for the relocation of families displaced from an urban renewal area and to coordinate public and private agencies in such relocation
- 7. To prepare plans for carrying out a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements
- 8. To conduct appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other preliminary plans and work necessary to prepare for the undertaking of urban renewal projects
- 9. To negotiate for the acquisition of land
- 10. To study the closing, vacating, planning, or re-planning of streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places and to make recommendations with respect thereto, and
- 11. To perform such duties as the local governing body may direct so as to make the necessary arrangements for the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the local governing body

Much time is spent within the approved Urban Renewal Plan discussing housing, transportation, and mixed-use development. These items are discussed in conjunction with place-making, transportation improvements, housing improvements, and building a downtown destination.

The business community is not the primary beneficiary of the TIF District. The wider Laurel community itself is the beneficiary. These funds are able to be used for creating a more robust and diverse Downtown area through community infrastructure projects, streetscape improvements, traffic safety changes, housing planning, facility upgrades, and other vital projects.

The tone of the ongoing conversations surrounding the East Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project (EDII) has revealed that while the board members care deeply about the TIF District and Laurel, they have been misinterpreting the role of the Board and the stated/official purpose of the TIF District itself. This has showed that there is a great need to regularly review to the bylaws and founding documents, to communicate with city council, and to ensure that their grant awards are approved properly and are in line with the aims of the TIF District itself.

It is my opinion that a great deal of opportunity has been wasted by not utilizing the original stated powers of the board, and the established goals, objectives, and responsibilities to focus on larger scale projects and focusing on more traditional development patterns within the District. There has been an overall lack of cohesion when it comes to considering projects within the District, especially the SE 4th area.

The TIF District and the LURA Board present great opportunities to assist in the funding of projects and to gain feedback and insight from interested community members. It would be useful to think on the founding documents, discuss the effectiveness of the Board and the projects thus far, and to decide if any changes are necessary to help move the board, the district, and the downtown vision forward.

Item Attachment Documents:

7. Follow-Up: General Small Grant Program



Laurel Urban Renewal Agency

General Small Grant Program
Draft 1: 6/19/19

Purpose:

To provide funding support to residents, property owners, and business owners for small-scale improvement, development, and restoration projects within the Laurel Tax Increment Finance District.

Funding:

The general small grant program provides funding for up to \$5,000 to individual eligible projects. Any project over \$5,000 will be referred to City Council for review under the Large Grant Program. Funding Availability for the general Small Grant Program will be determined by the City Planner and City Clerk-Treasurer on an annual basis.

Applicants are reminded that grant awards made by the LURA Board are discretionary in nature and should not be considered an entitlement by the applicant. All grant criteria contained herein are guidelines for awards and successful applicants may receive any amount up to the maximum award. Should an application meet all grant criteria, a grant may or may not be awarded at the committee's discretion due to funding limitations, competing applicants, and/or competing priorities

Application Process:

- 1. Contact the Planning Department for program details, application form, and information packet.
- 2. Prepare and submit a grant application for a chosen project to the Planning Department.
- 3. Grant applications are placed on the next available LURA Board meeting agenda.
- 4. LURA Board meets to review, discuss, and approve, conditionally approve, or deny applications.
- 5. Applicants are notified of application status.
- 6. Applicant submits invoices with proof of payment to Planning Department.
- 7. City staff process invoices and applications for final approval and reimbursement of funds.

The General Small Grant Program is open to current residents, property owners, business owners, and developers within the TIF District. The Committee will review applications on a first come, first serve basis for the duration of funding availability. Projects that are approved by the LURA Board membership will be processed by the City Planner and subject to final review, approval, and reimbursement by the Office of the City Mayor. Applications that are denied by the Committee may be re-submitted the following funding cycle.

Please contact the Laurel City Planner for questions on the program and to receive grant information and application forms.

Eligible Projects (MCA 7-15-4288):

- Demolition/Abatement of Structure for Removal of Blight
- ➤ Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters
- Public Utilities
- ➤ Intersection Signals & HAWK Crossing
- > Street & Alley Surface Improvements
- Crosswalks
- ➤ Green Space & Water Ways

- Improvement of Pedestrian Areas
- Historical Restorations
- ➤ Off Street Parking for Public Use
- Bridges & Walkways
- Pollution Reduction
- > Structural Repair
- Energy Efficiency Improvements

Conflict of Interest Policy:

The intent of the General Small Grant Program is the provide assistance to those who would not normally have access to certain professional services who, because of cost, are unable to obtain project improvement assistance. Participating applicants and contractors are ineligible to receive Small grant funding for projects in which the firm, firm owners, employees, or members of their immediate family have a financial or ownership interest. This policy is in effect for the duration of the grant assignment only and does not prohibit a participating professional's involvement in the future.

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