



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>June 10, 2024</u>
Requested By: <u>Haley Bowers, Eco. Dev. Mgr.</u>
Department: <u>Administration/CMO</u>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Report <input type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	<u>015 – General CIP Enhancement Grant</u>
Account Number:	<u>015-9892-993-1100</u>
Amount Budgeted:	<u>\$204,431.50</u>
Amount Requested:	<u>\$36,383.10</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: Application, quotes, sketches, and agreement

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Staff received an Enhancement Grant application from Carolyn Howard for enhancements to her business, APB Properties, LLC, located at 908 W. Main Street. This is the corporate office for her businesses, Houston Training Schools, APB Properties, and 7045SW, Inc. The applicant is seeking funding for the replacement of windows, the replacement of doors, exterior painting, and a new awning. The applicant has provided the required quotes for the three scopes of work. The façade has not been updated in many years, and this will give it not only a new look, but the awning will provide shade that the front of the building does not have.

The applicant submitted quotes from Dream Custom Doors for \$72,776.19, Galaxy Construction for \$86,220.00, and Gonzalez Construction (La Porte business) for \$86,220.00.

Dream Custom Doors	\$72,766.19
Galaxy Construction	\$86,220.00
Gonzalez Construction	\$86,220.00
Lowest Quote	\$72,766.19
Reimbursement	\$36,383.10

Based on the quotes submitted and the enhancement grant policy, the applicant qualifies for an enhancement grant in an amount not to exceed \$36,383.10. No work has begun on this property.

Section 5.04 of the Bylaws of the City of La Porte Development Corporation states, “Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve all budgeted Enhancement Grant expenditures for an amount equal to or less than \$25,000.00, without prior or additional approval of City Council.” This item is greater than \$25,000.00; therefore, it requires City Council approval. The La Porte Development Corporation acted upon this agenda item at their May 29, 2024 meeting.

Main Street redevelopment is a priority of City Council, highlighted in both the strategic plan and comprehensive plan. This project will invest in improving the look of a property on Main Street and the overall look of the corridor.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

This enhancement grant supports the following of the City’s Strategic Plan Guiding Principles by improving the look of a major corridor and improving the look of Main Street.

4.0 Economic Development: The City of La Porte will promote a strong and diverse economy that strengthens the local sales tax and property tax base while also contributing to a high quality of life.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$36,383.10 under terms of enhancement grant incentive agreement between the La Porte Development Corporation and APB Properties, LLC for facade enhancements to building located at 908 W. Main Street, La Porte, Texas.

Approved for the City Council meeting agenda

Corby D. Alexander, City Manager

Date