

Subject: Commercial Exterior Grant Request - 883/885 Smith Ave S.

Meeting Date: Monday, February 23rd, 2026	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Ben Boike - Community Development	
Action Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Closed Session
Action	
<p>Erik Funk, owner of 879-885 Smith Ave S., has submitted an application for the Commercial Exterior Grant program offered through the Economic Development Authority (EDA). Mr. Funk is proposing to replace the existing storefront glass and framing for the two southerly retail spaces at 883/885 Smith Ave, currently Centsibly Chic and Bubbles and Ecourture. Total estimated cost of the improvements per the attached estimates is \$25,826, therefore the request is for the full \$10,000 grant.</p> <p>This EDA grant money is available to encourage commercial property owners to re-invest in their properties and make improvements to their building, specifically the exterior. By doing so, this increases the esthetic and overall value of the property as well as the adjacent properties.</p> <p>Selection and review criteria for this grant includes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location within the City, i.e. preference to redevelopment area or heavily commercialized area with high visibility, • Ability to encourage improvements to surrounding businesses, • Ability to improve the appearance and attractiveness of an area, • Consistency with Comprehensive and other long term planning documents, • Compliance with City Codes, and • Building owners who have not previously been awarded a grant will be considered prior those that have already received grant funding. <p>The work is scheduled to begin should the EDA approve the grant. City Staff recommends the EDA review and approve the exterior grant application for \$10,000. This is the first grant request for 2026.</p> <p>Payment to the applicant will be made upon the review and completion of the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection by City staff to verify completion of work and compliance with building and code regulations • Submittal of paid invoices for the work outlined in the application. Should the total cost be below \$20,000, the payment will be prorated to a maximum of half the eligible costs. • Verification of submittal and payment of all permits as well as a passing final inspection 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation that all property taxes are current. 	
Background	
N/A	
Attachments	
Grant Application	
Quotes	
Existing photo	
Previous Relevant Actions	
The EDA previously approved a commercial exterior grant to replace the storefront glass and framing for the Amore Coffee space.	
Alternatives	
N/A	
Financial	
Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No Financial Impact
Fund: EDA Fund	\$10,000
Department: 209	
Account: 41121	
Amount: 40495	