



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>
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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:

BarTopp Car Wash, McGregor, \$3,150.
Jack's Shack, Kathy Eken, \$1,278.

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	Aitkin	\$ 5,000.00		Yes
2	Growth Innovations	Building painting	Aitkin	\$ 12,814.68		Yes
3	Lowe 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		
				\$ 154,665.71	\$ 66,533.43	

Remaining \$ 2,888.57

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Bartopp Carwash

August 30th, 2023

Mark Jeffers

Dear Aitkin County,

We are the new owners of the local carwash in McGregor. As business owners, we are excited to help improve the look of the city. We feel it is important to give our business a fresh look being we are located in a high traffic area for both those passing through, and the local community.

Our first year, we invested in the addition of an automatic wash & a set of new garage doors! It was important to focus on the interior issues first which left the exterior looking a bit run down. We are confident the new look would help improve the look of the town, as well as help overall business – it's tough to sell a Sparkling Wash when the building is lacking its own sparkle!

We are asking for \$3,150.00 to assist in covering half of the cost to give the outside of the building a fresh, modern look. This includes new paint on the exterior (building, trim, front door) and clean up and paint the garage doors on the manual bay side. Attached is a before and after photo of the building, along with the estimate from a local business for the entire job.

We look forward to hearing from you with hopes to be able to complete our exterior upgrades!
Bartopp Wash – Keeping McGregor clean, one car at a time!

Sincerely,
Brandon & Janae Popp
Jordan & Alli Barten

320-345-0582

bartopppropertiesllc@gmail.com

Before - -

Exterior - Blue paint
Garage Doors - White
Front Door - Red
Trim - White

After - -

Exterior - Grey paint
Garage Doors - Black



Service Contract

RG Services, Limited Liability Company

DATE August 30, 2023

ghway 210

(608) 931-9402

Prepared by: **Ryan Grant**

Brandon Popp
237 State Hwy 210
McGregor, MN 55760
(320) 345-0582

Description	AMOUNT
Exterior Car Wash Paint	
Labor	\$ 6,300.00
Labor to include site prep, pressure wash, Two coats roof, body, trim, doors. Site clean up and waste disposal.	
Materials	
Sherwin Williams Multi Surface Acrylic Pro Industrial	
	\$ 6,300.00

TO BE COMPLETED THIS SEASON WEATHER PERMITTING



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Application for Aitkin County Business Revitalization Grant Program 2023

- Grant requests should be submitted by EMAIL to:
mark.jeffers@cc.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: Jack's Shack

Address: 29954 State Hwy 65
McGrager, MN 55760

Person in Charge of Project: Kathy Eken

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

21049 22015 Street
McGrath, MN
56350

Contact Person's Phone #: 320-630-1695

Contact Person's Email: kindlifafarm@hotmail.com

Description of your organization:

Jack's Shack is a very well known bar and restaurant in Aitkin County, serving great food, cold beers and famous for Braised Chicken.

Mission Statement of your organization:

To keep locals, weekenders, and passer-bys full, hydrated, and entertained.



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$ 3378.28
 (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 \$ 3378.28

Total projected budget \$ 6756.56

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

To revitalize the outside presence of Jack's Shack by tearing down and removing the old garage building. Replacing that area with top soil and grass seed. We will also be replacing the old weathered roof top signage with a new sign from Glen's Sign Design.

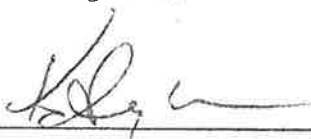
PROJECT BUDGET: in the space below, provide a budget for the entire project.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
Complete tear down and removal of old building	2100	2100	4200
Update old roof top signage	1278.28	1278.28	2556.56
TOTALS	3378.28	3378.28	6756.56

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

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: 11/6/23

10:07



Glen DeMenge

To You

10:07 AM

I'm sorry I thought I did send you an estimate.

\$200 Artwork: 1 time fee. You own the artwork to use as you please.

Sign: Aluma core composite sign board. full digital print on high performance vinyl with UV laminate.

Die cut to match proof.

size is 16 feet left to right 6.5 feet tall total height.

Sign:\$1550

TAX \$106.56

Labor \$700 10Hrs.

Grand total \$2556.56

Thank You!

Glen DeMenge

Glen's Sign DeZine

McGregor, MN 55760

PHONE : 1-800-803-9907

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Proposal

MILLER SERVICES
PO Box 1014
ISLE MN
56342 1014

Ins # NKTVV6IXJU-0001
218 820 3618

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: <i>Jacks Shack</i>		JOB NAME <i>Garage</i>	JOB #
ADDRESS		JOB LOCATION <i>same</i>	
		DATE <i>3 22 23</i>	DATE OF PLANS
PHONE #	FAX #	ARCHITECT	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for: *Complete tear down of garage and concrete. Remove debris. Regrade area and topsoil with seed.*

\$4200.00

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of:

\$ *Four thousand two hundred and 00* _____ Dollars

with payments to be made as follows: *on completion*

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.

Respectfully submitted *[Signature]*

Note - this proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within _____ days.

Acceptance of Proposal

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

Signature _____

Date of Acceptance _____

Signature _____