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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2023
TO: Historic Preservation Board
FROM: Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Facade Renovation Grant Program

Representatives from Main Street Medina have requested to meet with the Historic Preservation Board to discuss the possibility of creating a facade renovation grant program in Medina.

In general, these programs typically include an allocation of funds, an application process, a review committee, awarding of funds, and distribution of funds after a project is completed. Facade renovation grant programs are typically administered by a local government, Main Street organization, or other non-profit.

Though State or Federal funds may be available, they are limited for general facade renovation grant programs. As such, funding tends to come from local sources. Though this may limit funding, it also provides more flexibility to the program and frees it from specific requirements that come with State and Federal Funds.

For reference, a facade renovation grant program from Troy, Ohio has been included in your packet.

Revitalize



Troy

REVITALIZE TROY is a facade improvement and building renovation program where downtown businesses and non-residential property owners can apply for the reimbursement of matching funds of up to \$20,000, or 50% of a project's estimated cost, whichever is less.

This grant program is administered by Troy Main Street in alignment with our mission to promote, preserve, and enhance downtown Troy according to the **National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Approach**. **REVITALIZE TROY** is made possible through the support of the City of Troy, specifically through a one-time allocation of the City's American Rescue Plan funding to combat the negative economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The vision of **REVITALIZE TROY** is to maintain and sustain a vibrant, revitalized, visually-appealing downtown with historic structures that have been preserved and adapted to modern-day usage. This program is intended to incentivize commercial property and business owners within the Central Business District in the form of grants that incentivize substantial improvements and renovations to the exterior of Troy's historic downtown commercial and mixed use building stock.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Owned by commercial business/building owners
- Located within the Central Business District, defined by the provided zoning map
- Have not been started prior to award
- 50% matching funds from other non-City of Troy funding sources
- Must agree to fund 100% of project costs up front and receive Grant funds as reimbursement
- Must be completed within one (1) calendar year of award
- Renovations may include any exterior improvements including but not limited to painting*, brickwork*, awnings, lighting, signage, doors or windows
- Must be approved by the Troy Planning Commission as conforming to the Architectural Design Standards of the Historic Preservation Overlay Districts prior to any work commencing

Projects are ineligible if they include new structural construction, government properties, or national franchise properties. Funding will not be awarded for equipment purchases, promotional literature, for *painting, *minor brickwork (e.g., tuck pointing) and other cosmetic improvements (except as part of other eligible exterior improvements), projects where the outcome is temporary or is owned solely by a business (with the exception of signage), and projects that do not reflect the values of quality design and historic preservation. Note that the property owner must be current on all taxes, liens, and assessment. **ONLY ONE GRANT PER PROPERTY WILL BE AWARDED.**