



Legislation Text

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Submitted by: At the Request of the City Administrator
Submitting Department: Community & Economic Development
Agenda Section: Action

Item Title:

FY2021 Commercial Façade Improvement Program Grant Awards

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council accept the recommendations of the Commercial Façade Review Panel and approve grant funding awards for the following properties:

- Kahvie Coffee, 6515 Belcrest Road: \$15,000
- Will's Decorating, 5122 Baltimore Avenue: \$10,000
- Maryland Meadworks, 4700 Rhode Island Avenue: \$5,000

Summary Background:

In order to better support our businesses, the City of Hyattsville has created a Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The program provides funding to business or property owners within the three targeted investment areas to improve their building's façade.

The grant is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of \$5,000 - \$50,000. The use of grant funds is limited to exterior improvements including re-painting, exterior shutters, gutters, windows, siding, doors, masonry, finishes, lighting, and signage. The funds are ineligible for interior improvements, structural repairs, or roof repairs.

Applications for this year's program were made available on March 23, 2020 and were due to the City on, or prior to, July 17, 2020.

Since its inception in 2009, the City's Commercial Façade Improvement Program has leveraged \$1,110,000 total investment resulting in 2,040 linear feet of improved exterior commercial façade throughout the City's commercial business districts.

Next Steps:

Council approval and execution of agreements with businesses.

Fiscal Impact:

The City's Commercial Façade Improvement Program is funded through the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). The City maintains a current program budget of \$30,000 to support the FY2021 program cycle.

City Administrator Comments:

Community Engagement:

Investment in the Commercial Façade Improvement program were included in the adopted priorities within the 2017-2021 Community Sustainability Plan.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

Legal Review Required?

N/A