



Legislation Text

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

Item Title:

Commercial Façade Improvement Program: 2021 Grant Awards

Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council approve 2021 Commercial Façade Improvement Grant awards for façade improvement projects the following commercial properties:

- 3501 Hamilton Street: \$5,000
- 3004 and 3110 Hamilton Street, 5400 Queens Chapel Road: \$22,500
- 4744 Baltimore Avenue: \$37,000

Summary Background:

In early 2021, the City issued its tenth application cycle for the Commercial Façade Improvement (CFI) Program which provides Hyattsville business and commercial property owners with competitive 1:1 matching grant awards of up to \$50,000 per building.

The City's funding source is the State of Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development's Community Legacy Grant. The grant funds are eligible to assist with the cost of labor, materials and design, permitting fees, and physical improvements including re-painting, exterior shutters, gutters, windows, siding, doors, masonry, finishes, lighting and signage.

The program requires the applicant to provide three (3) contractor bids and the selected projects will operate under a single contract, signed by the contractor, property/business owner, and the City of Hyattsville.

In June, the application and program guidelines were posted to the City website. The City received numerous inquiries and a total of three (3) applications from commercial property owners and tenants.

Each of the applicants at the subject properties have proposed utilizing the City's CFI Program along with their own private equity to improve the conditions of the property.

The CFI program currently has \$30,000 in uncommitted funding with all current projects scheduled to be completed by early 2021. Staff is recommending the following approval and authorization of City Council:

- 3501 Hamilton Street: \$5,000
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Work on all façade projects is scheduled to take place immediately upon execution of a contract and issuance of Notice

to Proceed. Project shall be scheduled to be completed on a 120-day project schedule.

Next Steps:

No additional action is required.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this program is provided from Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development and is allocated as part of the City's FY2021 Operating Budget.

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Approval

Community Engagement:

Funding for the City's Commercial Façade Improvement Program was identified as a priority in the 2017-2021 Community Sustainability Plan

Strategic Goals:

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

Legal Review Required?

Pending