

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Spring 2024 Community & Economic Development Grants

<p>Background: The Umatilla County Community and Economic Development Grant Committee met May 2, 2024 to review grant requests. A total of 25 grant requests were received for the spring funding cycle and the committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve funding the grants shown on the attached list.</p>	<p>Requested Action: Approve funding recommendations for Seven Spring 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Requests totaling \$69,280</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Spring 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Committee Funding Recommendations

Date: ( 05/06/24 ) Submitted By: Robert Waldher, Community Development Director

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Head (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Waldher

Needed at Meeting:  
Robert Waldher

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Scheduled for meeting on: May 15, 2024

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

**Spring 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant  
Review Committee Recommendations – May 2, 2024**



<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>REQUESTED AMOUNT</b>	<b>FUND (Circle One)</b>	<b>AMOUNT FUNDED</b>
Atta-Boy Pool & Spa Services, LLC	Business Vehicle Acquisition	\$13,878.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Blaqmead, LLC	Building Renovation and Equipment Purchase	\$30,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Camas Prairie Cowboy Convention – Ukiah Rodeo	Bleacher Seating	\$25,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
City of Echo	Utility Clerk Office Safety Updates	\$10,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
City of Stanfield	Thomas J McCann Veteran’s Memorial Park	\$25,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
City of Stanfield Parks and Recreation	Stanfield Walking Path	\$10,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Eastern Oregon Visitor’s Association	Tales of the Past: Self-guided Tours in Umatilla County	\$10,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	\$10,000
Greater Hermiston Community Foundation	Hermiston Pickleball Courts	\$40,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Helix Parks and Recreation District	Pool Replacement Project	\$20,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Herbal by Nature	Business Store Front	\$10,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Holden Hearts Boutique	Business Expansion	\$10,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES NO	\$5,500
Horizon Project Inc.	Emergency Preparedness Project	\$15,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Jean Whitman Miller	Milton Opera House Phase 4 & 5	\$100,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	

Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance	MFCDA Mural Program	\$5,680.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance	Onward Milton-Freewater Grant Program	\$10,000.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance	Make a Difference YEAR!	\$10,000.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Saager's Shoe Shop	Window Replacement	\$18,828.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	\$19,000
Stage Stop Motel & RV	Expanded Eating Facility	\$15,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	\$10,000
Stay Around Donuts & Pies	Kitchen Improvements & Trailer Wiring	\$25,000.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	\$20,000
Sweet Bee Honey Co.	Pollinator Trail System	\$9,275.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	\$1,500
Three Divas Beads	Store Upgrades	\$3,700.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Umatilla County Historical Society	Heritage Station Museum – Gift Shop Remodel	\$25,000.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Visual Eyes, LLC	On-site Spectacle Lens Manufacturing	\$17,000.00	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
West of the Blues Rodeo	Support for Rodeo Event	Not Provided	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
White Eagle Grange	Flooring Replacement for Grange Hall	\$3,280.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	\$3,280
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$69,280</b>

## **Spring 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Review Committee Meeting Notes – May 2, 2024**

Attendees: Wesley Koklich (City of Milton Freewater), Dale Primmer (City of Pendleton), Dustin Schock (City of Ukiah), Tammie Williams (City of Echo), Maria Duron (City of Hermiston), Bob Waldher (Community Development Director)

The meeting began with a welcome and introductions from committee members.

Bob Waldher provided an overview of the grant program and outlined committee member responsibilities. It was discussed that grant funding decisions would be based on funding availability and consensus from committee members. Bob noted that not all of the money had to be spent each cycle and remaining funding could roll-over to future cycles if necessary. He also reminded the committee that grant funding should go to projects that enhance economic development and community livability. Events will not be funded through the program.

Final reports from previous grant recipients were shared with the group. Final reports included Milton-Freewater Junior Show (Spring 2023) and Milton-Freewater Community Development Partnership (Spring 2023)

It was shared that approximately \$70,000 was available this cycle. Some of the applications received were repeat applications from organizations that had received funding in previous cycles, but had not completed final reports. The committee agreed that those projects should not receive funding this round. Dale Primmer suggested that at least some focus be placed on getting funding to smaller communities that may not otherwise have the capacity to apply for other types of grants.

Each grant application was reviewed and discussed among committee members. Repeat applications that had not completed a final report and applications for events were removed from consideration.

After reviewing each of the projects and group discussion a recommendation was made to fund the following projects: Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, Holden Hearts Boutique, Saager's Shoe Shop, Stage Stop Motel & RV, Stay Around Donuts and Pies, Sweet Bee Honey Co., and White Eagle Grange. The group agreed by consensus to the funding recommendation which will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at their next meeting.

Bob noted that he would be reaching out to committee members to schedule the next meeting prior to the fall grant cycle deadline in October.

