



City of Oregon City

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Staff Report

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Status: Agenda Ready

To: Urban Renewal Commission

Agenda #: 4c.

From: Economic Development Manager Eric Underwood

File Type: Application

SUBJECT:

Storefront Improvement Grant Application for 722 Main Street

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

City staff recommends a grant award of \$15,800 (\$20,000 X 79%). The Staff Review Committee reviewed the application using \$20,000 as the potential maximum award due to the Committee's determination that the project, as proposed, would not achieve a facade restoration that would match the original character of the building. The amount of remaining funds available for the Storefront Grant Program for FY 2012/13 is \$23,000. Grants shall only be awarded to those projects with an average score of 70% or better and this application has obtained an average score of 79%. The Urban Renewal Commission shall decide whether or not to uphold the recommendation of City staff to award Urban Renewal grant funds in the amount of \$15,800 to the applicant.

BACKGROUND:

The applicant is applying for a grant in the amount of \$40,000. Maximum grant amounts are \$20,000; or \$40,000 for projects of high value when the applicant demonstrates that the proposed improvements will restore the façade substantially closer to its original condition. All projects require at least a 50% match and at least an average score of 70% or better from the Staff review committee.

The applicant has indicated the intent to restore the façade to near-original condition. The project would install ground floor windows to match the original configuration, including at the existing aluminum storefront and CMU infill; install ground floor windows to match the original configuration; remove and replace the awning with a more appropriately scaled one that is integral to the building; repair existing brick and paint to similar tone of the original brick; repair and paint existing second floor windows, remove surface mounted conduit and HVAC equipment; and paint/repair existing trim.

The site is addressed as 722 Main Street and is further identified as Tax Map 2-2E-31AB-06000. The site is zoned Mixed Use Downtown (MUD) and is located within the Downtown Urban Renewal District. The building is currently vacant.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$15,800

FY(s): 2012-13

Funding Source: UR Storefront Improvement Grant Program