

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

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Fall 2024 Community & Economic Development Grants

<p>Background: The Umatilla County Community and Economic Development Grant Committee met October 21, 2024 to review grant requests. A total of 10 grant requests were received for the fall 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 Spring 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Requests for eight grants totaling \$82,400.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Fall 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Committee Funding Recommendations

Date: (10/22/24) 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

Scheduled for meeting on: November 6, 2024

Action taken:

Follow-up:

**Fall 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant
Review Committee Recommendations – October 21, 2024**



APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	REQUESTED AMOUNT	FUND (Circle One)	AMOUNT FUNDED
Athena-Weston School District	Athena-Weston Land Lab Pig Barn	\$20,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$20,000
Blaqmead, LLC	Tasting Room Renovation and Expansion	\$33,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$10,000
Blue Mountain Community (BMCC) Foundation	BMCC Foundation Club Property – Utility/Irrigation Replacement	\$10,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$10,000
Echo Heritage Association	Install plumbing in St. Peter’s Catholic Church	\$2,166.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$2,200
EcoScoop Solutions	EcoScoop Regenerative Farming Incentive	\$10,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$3,200
H & P Café	Hood Vent System Update	\$13,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$15,000
Made to Thrive	Hermiston Oregon Sportsplex	\$40,000.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$7,500
Milton-Freewater Junior Show	Improved Security	\$6,500.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	-
Pendleton Downtown Association	Pendleton Street Fair	\$6,450.00	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	-
TYCO Body & Paint LLC	Bay Door Improvement	\$14,511.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	\$14,500
TOTAL				\$82,400

Fall 2024 Community and Economic Development Grant Review Committee Meeting Notes – October 21, 2024

Attendees: Wesley Koklich (City of Milton Freewater), Sally Brandsen (City of Pendleton), Dustin Schock (City of Ukiah), Tammie Williams (City of Echo), Maria Duron (City of Hermiston), Bob Waldher (Community Development Director), Dan Dorran (Board of Commissioners)

The meeting began at 5:30 PM with a welcome and introduction of 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.

It was shared that approximately \$100,000 was available this cycle (\$50,000 in each category, economic development and community development). It was noted that some of the applications received were repeat applications from organizations that had received funding in previous cycles, but had not completed final reports. Tammie suggested that the group fund projects that had not been funded before.

Each grant application was reviewed and discussed among committee members. Two projects were removed from consideration.

After reviewing each of the projects and group discussion a recommendation was made to fund the following projects: Athena Weston School District (\$20,000), Blaqmead, LLC (\$10,000 for barrels and sanitation equipment), BMCC Foundation (\$10,000), Echo Heritage Association (\$2,200), Eco-scoop Solutions (\$3,200 for Drums/Heaters, equipment), H & P Café (\$15,000 for hood vent, not to include insurance costs), Made to Thrive (\$7,500), TYCO Body and Paint (\$14,500). The total amount funded would be \$82,400. The group agreed by consensus to the funding recommendation which will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for consideration at their next meeting.

Final reports from previous grant recipients were shared with the group. Final reports included Wallowa River Sand (Fall 2023), City of Ukiah Tupper Ballfield Enhancements (Fall 2023), and Athena-Weston School District Pickleball Courts (Fall 2023).

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.