

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

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Spring 2025 Community & Economic Development Grants

Background: The Umatilla County Community and Economic Development Grant Committee met May 19, 2025 to review grant requests. A total of 8 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.	Requested Action: Approve funding recommendations for Spring 2025 Community and Economic Development Grant Requests with a total amount of \$98,655.
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ATTACHMENTS: Spring 2025 Community and Economic Development Grant Committee Funding Recommendations and minutes

Date: (5/20/25) 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: May 21, 2025

Action taken:

Follow-up:

**Spring 2025 Community and Economic Development Grant
Review Committee Recommendations – May 19, 2025**



APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	REQUESTED AMOUNT	FUND (Circle One)	AMOUNT FUNDED
23+ LLC	Building Brick Repair	\$19,655.00	YES / NO	\$19,655.00
Athena Caledonian Games Association	Athena Caledonian Games Trailer	\$7,500.00	YES / NO	\$5,000.00
Backfire Station, LLC	Commercial Kitchen Remodel	\$24,039.00	YES / NO	\$16,500.00
M & C Machine and Ironworks	CNC Plasma Cutting Table	\$49,885.00	YES / NO	\$25,000.00
Milton-Freewater School District	Youth Trap Shooting Program Improvement	\$10,500.00	YES / NO	\$7,500.00
Stanfield Community Center	Outside Seating Area	\$10,000.00	YES / NO	\$10,000.00
The Textile Station, LLC	Quilt Shop Inventory, Signage, and Long- arm Quilting Machine	\$13,000.00	YES / NO	\$10,000.00
YMCA of Walla Walla	Athena-Weston Youth Resilience Initiative	\$5,000.00	YES / NO	\$5,000.00
TOTAL				\$98,655.00

Spring 2025 Community and Economic Development Grant Review Committee Meeting Notes – May 20, 2025

Attendees: Wesley Koklich (City of Milton Freewater), Dustin Schock (City of Ukiah), Tammie Williams (City of Echo), Maria Duron (City of Hermiston), Bob Waldher (Community Development Director), Commissioner Dan Dorran (ex-officio)

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.

It was shared that approximately \$100,000 was available this cycle.

Each grant application was reviewed and discussed among committee members. After reviewing each of the projects and group discussion a recommendation was made to fund all of the applications received (see table on previous sheet for funding amounts). Dustin made a motion to recommend approval by the board of commissioners. The motion was seconded by Maria and the motion passed.