

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Faye Stewart, Public Works & Development Director

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DOWNTOWN COTTAGE GROVE'S APPLICATION FOR AN OREGON MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT FOR RIVERS EDGE (303 EAST MAIN STREET)

DATE: March 9, 2022

Background

The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant program. The State of Oregon Legislature established the *Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program* to support downtown revitalization efforts in communities participating in the Oregon Main Street Network.

The Downtown Cottage Grove Board of Directors solicited property and business owners within the Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District for potential grant projects. After a thorough vetting they chose to support a grant application on behalf of Blackstone Inc., applicant for the Rivers Edge Rehabilitation Project, located at 303 E. Main Street. Rivers Edge was chosen as the best candidate due to its potential to positively impact Cottage Grove through job creation, economic revitalization, development of additional dining options downtown, and historic preservation. The restored building will house a restaurant.

Downtown Cottage Grove will be asking for \$200,000 to support the exterior rehabilitation at 303 E. Main Street. Downtown Cottage Grove has asked the City to participate in the project as the fiscal agent for a 3% administrative fee.

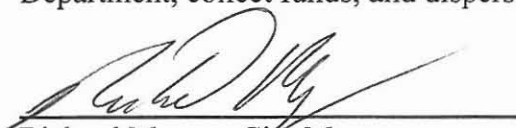
Due to the City's participation in the project, it is appropriate that Council consider a resolution of support for this grant application. The resolution is attached.

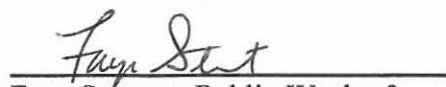
Recommendation

That the Resolution be approved.

Cost

Staff time to submit reimbursement requests to the Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department, collect funds, and disperse payments.


Richard Meyers, City Manager


Faye Stewart, Public Works &
Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION
FOR THE OREGON MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT
FOR RIVERS EDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Legislature established the *Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program* to support downtown revitalization efforts in communities participating in the Oregon Main Street Network; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department, is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cottage Grove Board of Directors solicited the property owners and business owners within the Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District for potential grant projects. After a thorough vetting they chose to support a grant application on behalf of Blackstone Inc., applicant for the Rivers Edge Rehabilitation Project, located at 303 E. Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the 303 E. Main Street Building was chosen as the best candidate for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant due to its potential to positively impact Cottage Grove, through job creation, economic revitalization, and the renovation of the exterior facades of the historic property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has an adopted Historic Preservation Plan, which supports the restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings in the downtown commercial district for mixed use, as a catalyst for economic development and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove believes that the restoration and rehabilitation of the 303 E. Main Street Building as a restaurant will improve the dining opportunities in the Cottage Grove Downtown Historic District and will meet the goals of the adopted Historic Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Cottage Grove has asked the City of Cottage Grove to act as fiscal agent for the disbursement of grant funds if the grant application is successful, for a 3% admin fee; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council recognizes the significance of the restoration of the 303 E. Main Street Building and supports Downtown Cottage Grove's pursuit of funding for this project through the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Richard Meyers, City Manager

Date: _____