

CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
February 3, 2015	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Eric Day, Community Development Director

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Brownfields Redevelopment Fund Integrated Planning Grant

BACKGROUND

The City of Coos Bay applied for and has officially received a Brownfields Redevelopment Fund integrated planning grant from Business Oregon in the amount of \$25,000. The grant was awarded to complete integrated planning activities associated with addressing redevelopment barriers impacting both public and private properties located along the City of Coos Bay's Front Street waterfront corridor including:

- (a) A Front Street Pedestrian Connectivity Study
- (b) An Updated Front Street Master Plan

The grant can also be leveraged to apply for larger area grants such as the (EPA) grant application that the City is currently putting together. Once staff knows the exact amount of money it has to use for the area plan a more precise scope of work can be formulated and furthered to the Council for discussion.

ADVANTAGE

The City will receive \$25,000 in funding to update the Front Street Master Plan. This money can be used for a number of uses including repayment of staff time, retaining an outside consultant or for material costs.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The City will receive \$25,000 in funding to update its currently adopted Front Street Master Plan.

RELATED TO CITY GOAL:

To create a vibrant community for City citizens and entrepreneurs. To promote and assist in the revitalization of the Downtown and Empire URA Districts in an effort to provide development opportunities for businesses and industry.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Development Departments requests approval by City Council to accept grant funding from Business Oregon in the amount of \$25,000.