CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE December 18, 2012 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

TO:

Chair Gene Melton and Board Members

FROM:

Joyce Jansen, Economic Development Administrate

Through:

Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE

Consideration of a Façade Grant for Suzanne Ector's Building Located at

the corner of South Broadway and Hall Avenue

BACKGROUND

Suzanne Ector, owner of commercial property located at the corner of South Broadway and Hall Avenue, has submitted an application for a façade improvement grant. Businesses currently located in the building are Little Caesars and US Cellular on the Broadway side of the building and Under the Sun Tans on the Hall Avenue side of the building. The north side of the building abuts U-Haul rentals. The upper portion of the north wall is also used for signage for US Cellular and Under the Sun Tans. Andrew Locati will represent Ms. Ector at the Agency's meeting as she is out of the country.

The grant program allows one grant per tenant or owner per building location in any one fiscal year. Little Caesars was awarded a façade grant in fiscal year 2011/2012 for replacement of the awning. The proposed project is for the south side of the building to replace existing lap siding, window, door, and corner trim, and painting the exterior using the current color scheme of North Hampton Beige for the body and Lafayette Green for the trim. The existing siding is 20 year old LP Interseal siding which has broken down and does not protect the structure. The replacement siding would be fiber cement and the style would match the existing siding. The south, north and east sides of the building are visible from the street. The north side has significant grime and/or mildew and is quite noticeable.

The Design Review Committee reviewed the façade improvement proposal and recommends approval of the grant with the condition that all elevations of the building be visually appropriate and cosmetically equal. Due to visibility from the street, staff and the committee suggested the owner at least pressure-wash the north side of the building. This is considered maintenance and not eligible for the grant. The cost for pressure washing is estimated at \$700 to \$1,000. The façade program is a 50/50 matching grant based on the low bid for the project. As required, three bids were obtained and they are \$83,288, \$32,496, and \$29,586. If awarded the grant amount would be \$14,793.

ADVANTAGES

The façade improvement grant program is designed to provide financial assistance to owners and tenants of commercial properties to promote the revitalization of Coos Bay's Urban

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Renewal Districts. Matching grants may be awarded up to 50% of the project cost from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000. A total project of under \$2,000 would not be eligible for assistance under this program. There is no fee for the pre-application or full application for the grant program.

DISADVANTAGES

None identified.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the proposed façade grant would be from the Downtown Urban Renewal Budget / Façade Improvement Program 57-940-520-2415.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is requesting the Agency award a façade improvement grant for \$14,793 to Suzanne Ector contingent upon following the recommendations of the DRC to include at least pressure-washing the north side of the building as part of the project.

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CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Façade Improvement Program is a grant program designed to provide financial assistance to property owners and tenants of commercial properties to promote the revitalization of Coos Bay's Urban Renewal Districts. Matching grants may be awarded up to 50% of the project cost from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000. A total project of under \$2,000 would not be eligible for assistance under this program. There is <u>no</u> fee for the pre-application or full application for the grant program.

<u>Eligibility</u>: All commercial property and/or businesses located within the designated urban renewal districts are eligible for the façade grant program. Only one grant per tenant and/or property owner per building location will be allowed in any one fiscal year period [July 1 through June 30].

<u>Eligible Improvements</u>: Funds may be used for exterior façade renovation of commercial use buildings only. For purposes of this program "façade" will be interpreted to mean any exterior visible wall, so long as the front facing a public right-of-way is included as part of the improvements. Eligible improvements include, but may not be limited to, one or several improvement elements such as:

- · Restoration of masonry, brickwork or wood and metal cladding
- Replacement or repair of architectural features
- Replacement or repair of awnings
- Installation or repair of exterior lighting
- Installation or repair of gutters and downspouts
- Window repair/replacement
- Entranceway modification
- Structural support for façade only
- New construction for façade treatments only
- Painting of exterior walls when repairs to siding are made or part of new construction of the facade
- Repair and replacement of sidewalks if the sidewalk is a part of an overall façade improvement project
- Design, architectural, and engineering services may be included in the grant

Steps for Applying for a Façade Improvement Grant

- 1. Pre-application: Meeting and review with staff and the Design Review Committee
- 2. Application: Meeting and review with staff and Design Review Committee
- Architectural Review: An architectural review by the Planning Commission is required for properties located in a design standards area (map attached). The Architectural Design Review application is available from the Public Works and Development Department and the city's website.
- 4. Design Review Committee recommendation to the Urban Renewal Agency
- 5. Urban Renewal Agency Approval

Contact Information

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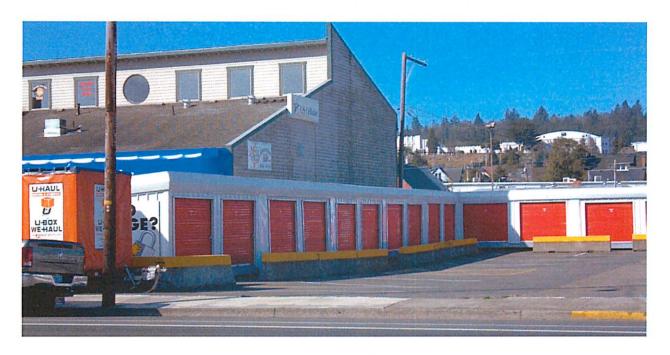
Suzanne Ector Façade Improvement Grant Commercial Property Located at the Corner of South Broadway and Hall



The purposed project is for the south side (Hall Street) of the building to replace siding on the south side of the building, replace window and door trim, and painting. Staff suggested consideration be given to the east and north exposures starting with pressure washing and possible painting. Painting of these sides could be included in the project; however, if these sides were done as a separate project for painting only, they would not qualify for the grant program as painting is considered general maintenance.



East side of the building. Little Caesars and US Cellular – 789 South Broadway / Hwy 101. Little Caesars business owner was awarded a façade grant for the awning in March 2012 (fiscal year 2011/2012).



North side of the building abuts the U-Haul business on South Broadway / Hwy 101.



View of the west side of the structure faces the alley. Under the Sun Tans occupies the space located at 106 Hall Avenue. Photo taken from Hall Avenue.



City of Coos Bay

Façade Improvement Grant Program Application

Name of applicant SUZAHNE ECTOR
Name of business SOFTWAVE ENTEPPELETS, LLC
(MULTIPLE MERCHANTS) How many years in business 8
Address of business storefront or building to be rehabilitated 106 HAW AVE,
COOS BAY, OF
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Phone number 541.425.0225 E-mail address ectors est wave.com
Type of business COMMERCIAL PENTAL, MULTIME BUSINESSES
Applicant is the ☑ Property Owner ☐ Business Owner ☐ Other
If not owner of property, does applicant have lease: yes \square no \square
If yes, Expiration Date: If no, explain:
Property owner or property manager's name (if different from applicant), address and phone number
PROPOSED FACADE IMPROVEMENTS
Please describe the proposed improvements to the property. Include three copies and one original
color photograph that show existing conditions of façade proposed for renovation. Photos may be
submitted electronically to jiansen@coosbay.org Describe completely proposed improvements:
SOUTH FACADE OF BUILDING
PEMOVAL OF EXIST. LAP SIDING, WINDOW,
DOOR + COPNER TRIM.
PEPLACEMENT OF PEPAIR OF ANY
DAMAGED SHEATHING OF FRAMING.
PROVIDE NEW WEATHER PESISTANT BAPPIER,
FLASHING, FIBER CEMENT SIDING + TRIM.
PREPPING + PAINTING OF SIDING, TPIM,
SOFFIT, PAKE TPIM, FLASHING, ETC.

Estimated cost of project 49000 - 44000	
Proposed start date ASSON AS WEATHER PERMITS.	
Time line/estimated completion date for project STIMATED 2 WEEK CONST.	TIME
If this is a time critical project, please state latest date that applicant can be notified of grant funding approval WOUD LIFE TO GET IT COMPLETED PROPERTY. Brief explanation of factors contributing to the critical timing of this project:	
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The expected processing time from application to final commitment of funds is 4-6 weeks.

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

The following items <u>must</u> be with the application form:

- Three (3) detailed, itemized competitive bids from licensed contractors for the proposed work
- Evidence of property ownership and, for tenant business applicants, include written permission from the property owner
- Evidence that all city taxes, licenses and fees are current
- Proof in the form of documentation (letter) from applicant's bank or lending institution demonstrating financial ability to complete the project (similar to a letter of reference)
- One (1) copy of a location map and a site plan drawn to scale indicating property lines, existing and adjacent structures and existing landscaping
- 12 copies of building elevation(s) drawn to scale indicating all existing as well as proposed
 design and structural changes and building materials and colors. The elevation drawing(s)
 should also include the size and location on the building of any modifications, e.g. awning
 changes (reminder that architect/design/engineering services may be included with the
 grant)
- 12 samples of materials and color samples
- Completed W-9 form

<u>NOTE</u>: If required information is not submitted with the application, application will be returned to Applicant for completion prior to review by the Design Review Committee.

THE APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROPOSED EXTERIOR STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE EVALUATED AND APPROVED BY THE COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AS WELL AS OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES. CERTAIN CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THESE AGENCIES OR BY THE COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL FOR FUNDING.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THE CRITERIA LISTED IN THE GUIDELINE SECTION OF THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.

GRANT FUNDS ARE CONSIDERED TAXABLE INCOME BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. A W-9 FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF COOS BAY IF GRANT FUNDS ARE AWARDED TO THE APPLICANT.

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

The Applicant certifies that all information in this application, and all information furnished in support of this application, is given for the purpose of obtaining a grant, and is true and complete to the best of the Applicant's knowledge and belief.

If the Applicant is not the owner of the property to be rehabilitated, or if the Applicant is an organization rather than an individual, the Applicant certifies that her/she has the authority to sign and enter into an agreement to perform the rehabilitation work on the property. Evidence of this authority must be attached.

Verification of any of the information contained in this application may be obtained from any source named herein.

Applicant Signature	br		
Applicant Signature		Date	
Return Application to:	Economic Revitāliz 500 Centrāl Avenue	COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY Economic Revitalization Administrator 500 Central Avenue Coos Bay, OR 97420 (541) 269-8924	
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Facade Grant Application

