


CITY OF COOS BAY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
June 18, 2013	

TO: Chair Gene Melton and Board Members

FROM: Joyce Jansen, Economic Development Administrator 

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *PRC*

ISSUE Consideration to Add Funds to Cover Professional Fees and Additional Project Costs to the Suzanne Ector Façade Grant

BACKGROUND

The Agency awarded a \$14,793 façade improvement grant to Suzanne Ector for her property located at the corner of South Broadway and Hall Avenue on December 18, 2012. The project was to make repairs to the south side of the building which faces Hall Avenue. The old siding was 20 years old, and due to its deteriorated condition, the siding was no longer protecting the building. The façade project included removal and replacement of the lap siding with fiber cement board siding, replacement of damaged sheathing, installing new weather resistant barrier, replacing flashing and trim, and painting the exterior. The project has been completed and the owner has met all the requirements of the grant agreement.

A request from Ms Ector, represented by Andrew Locati, has been submitted asking the Agency to consider adding the architect fees and additional project costs to the façade grant. The façade improvement program allows design, architectural, and engineering services to be included in the grant up to 10% of the total project cost to a maximum of \$5,000. Architectural fees were inadvertently left out of the grant application. Mr. Locati has submitted an invoice for architectural services in the amount of \$1,350. Additional project costs were incurred when the siding was removed and more dry rot than anticipated was found. There was no way to know the full extent of the damage until the siding was removed. The cost for the additional repairs totaled \$2,346.71. Ms Ector and Mr. Locati are requesting the Agency consider adding funds to the original grant to cover repair of unforeseen repair costs.

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 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. 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. The amount eligible for grant funds is \$1,350 for professional services and 50% of the additional repair costs in the amount of \$1,173.36 for a total additional funding of \$2,523.36.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is requesting the Agency consider awarding an additional \$2,523.36 funding to the Suzanne Ector façade grant.