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NEWSLETTER

Greater Frenchtown/Southside & Downtown Districts

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CRA staff members (from left to right – Sheila Williams, Sherri Curtis, and Elise Fisher) attended the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) Annual Conference which was held 10/12/22 – 10/14/22 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The conference is an opportunity for staff to learn and grow while sharing the great things that we are doing here in Tallahassee, especially projects that the CRA has funded.

Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Art, Heritage, and Culture Funding

The application window has closed for funding of up to \$2,000,000 in Tourist Development Tax (TDT) dollars available to eligible not-for-profits via the Leon County Commission, Visit Tallahassee, and the City of Tallahassee.

The application process is being administered by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The minimum award amount is \$500,000 and maximum award amount is up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) which may be awarded to a single applicant or multiple applicants. The proposed program or project must be located in one of Tallahassee's two CRA districts, the Greater Frenchtown/Southside District, or the Downtown District.

The following three (3) applications were deemed eligible for scoring:

- The Challenger Learning Center, Funding Request \$713,450
- Indaba, Inc., Funding Request \$1,000,000
- LeMoyné Arts Foundation, Inc., Funding Request \$765,000.

The applications will be further reviewed and scored during a public scoring meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023, 9:00 AM - Noon, Smith-Williams Center, 2295 Pasco Street, Annex B. Final determination regarding funding lies with the CRA Board, City Commission, and County Commission. Stay tuned for more information!

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD COMMUNITY GOALS

GREATER FRENCHTOWN/SOUTHSIDE (GFS)

Business Facility Improvement Program (BFIP) Grant for 1215 S. Monroe St, Orion Weddington

Thursday, September 8, 2022, the CRA Board approved the application for grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 for façade and site improvements to the property located at 1215 S. Monroe Street. The owner is Orion Weddington, and the application was submitted by Christina Youman with Oliver Sperry Renovations as the owner's agent.

The total project cost for redevelopment of the building and site is \$466,690. The improvements include, but are not limited to, complete exterior façade renovation, storefront glass with design elements including awnings and roofing system, new American with Disabilities Act (ADA) stairs and side ramp, decorative metal railings with painted block and stucco finish.

Greater Frenchtown/Southside Citizens' Advisory Committee (GFS CAC) Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2023

During the November 7, 2022, public meeting the GFS CAC Members unanimously elected current Vice-Chair Walter McDonald, III as Chair and LaRoderick McQueen as Vice-Chair.



GFS CAC Member Spotlight

Walter McDonald III first planted his roots in Tallahassee when his family moved here in 1990 to start the Providence Baptist Church. He has made a career in various areas of the housing market. Along with serving on many government and non-profit boards, including president of the Providence Neighborhood Association for the last seven years.

Mr. McDonald shared that he looks forward to leveraging his experience in housing and community engagement to ensure that the Citizens' Advisory Committee is working for all of our residents.

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DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DT)

"The Studios at LeMoyne", – Art for Always (AfA) Project Funded

On November 10, 2022, the CRA Board unanimously approved the \$100,000 funding request made by LeMoyne Art Foundation, "The Studios at LeMoyne", – Art for Always (AfA) project, a multi-phased art campus located at 415 – 425 E. Call Street/125 N. Gadsden Street.

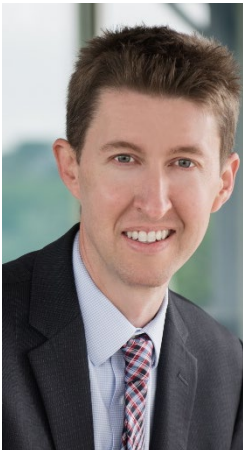
The request was for 25% of the total project cost for this phase, which is estimated at \$400,000. The total project cost is \$3,200,000 and the applicant had raised \$2,472,042 to date of the CRA Board Meeting submission.

CRA staff reported to the CRA Board that the project is consistent with the DT Redevelopment Plan. The project will aid with more ongoing special events, activities and promotions for arts, culture, and heritage in the area. It is anticipated to assist with the need for housing downtown as well.

On October 10, 2022, the Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) met and unanimously recommended that the CRA Board approve \$100,000 for the project.

Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2023

On October 10, 2022, the Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC) Members unanimously re-elected current Chair Kyle Phelps and Vice-Chair Jeff Billingsley.



DRC Member Spotlight

Jeff Billingsley is entering his 20th year in the Tallahassee Commercial Real Estate Industry. A 2003 graduate from the nationally recognized FSU Real Estate Program, he serves as a business resource to his clients marketing properties and representing their interests in complex real estate transactions. In 2016, Jeff was awarded the Golden Ace Award for Real Estate and Community Engagement by the Tallahassee Network of Young Professionals. Jeff is married to his wife Amy, who is also a Realtor, and they have an 8-year-old son.

Do you want to find out more about the CRA districts and what they offer? Would you like to become involved? Do you have a business, or want to start one, within either district? Maybe you want to become a member of an advisory committee. If so, you can:

- Attend a meeting (see dates below)
- Go to www.talgov.com/cra
- Email CRA@Talgov.com or call 850.891.8357



CRA 2023 Meeting Dates with Application/Deliverables Submittal Deadlines

Greater Frenchtown Southside Citizens Advisory Committee (GFS CAC)

Smith-Williams Service Center, Building B - 2295 Pasco Street

Meetings start @ 6:00 pm

2023 Meeting Dates	<u>2023 Submittal Deadlines</u>
Monday, January 9, 2023	Wednesday, November 23, 2022
Monday, March 13, 2023	Friday, January 27, 2023
Monday, May 8, 2023	Friday, March 24, 2023
Monday, July 10, 2023	Friday, May 26, 2023
Monday, November 6, 2023	Friday, September 22, 2023

Downtown Redevelopment Commission (DRC)

Tallahassee Room, City Hall - 300 S Adams Street, 2nd floor

Meetings start @ 9:00 am

2023 Meeting Dates	<u>2023 Submittal Deadlines</u>
Tuesday, February 14, 2023	Friday, December 30, 2022
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	Friday, March 24, 2023
Tuesday, August 8, 2023	Friday, June 23, 2023
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Friday, September 29, 2023

Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board

City Commission Chambers, City Hall - 300 S Adams Street, 2nd floor

Meetings start @ 9:30 am (8/24/2023 @ 3:00 pm, Budget @ 5:00 pm)

2023 Meeting Dates	<u>2023 Submittal Deadlines</u>
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Friday, January 6, 2023
Thursday, April 27, 2023	Friday, March 10, 2023
Thursday, June 15, 2023	Friday, May 5, 2023
Thursday, August 24, 2023	Friday, July 14, 2023
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Friday, September 1, 2023

Submittal deadlines allow approximately six (6) weeks lead time for edits, staff review, additional information, and input as necessary.



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