



City of Muscatine



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

DATE:

July 15, 2021

STAFF

Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Community Development Director

SUBJECT

Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Concerning an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds under the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Downtown Revitalization Program for August 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of City Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff anticipates requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Downtown Revitalization Program, which is funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Prior to submitting an application, the City must hold a public hearing to discuss the project and provide information about the CDBG application. Staff is requesting a public hearing be set for August 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution setting a public hearing on the proposed disbursement of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for August 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm during the regular meeting of City Council.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

As part of the City's 2021 Strategic Plan, City Council prioritized activities that support the development of a vital community, including strategies to improve the downtown. Identified strategies include partnering with downtown businesses and the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry to serve as a catalyst for a thriving downtown; focusing on placemaking in target areas including the downtown; and creating quality places to live, work and play.

The City has also allocated tax increment financing to a downtown façade program, which due to the pandemic, was not implemented. The first allocation was in FY21, and as a result there is currently \$200,000 available.

The Iowa Economic Development Authority funds a grant program to support downtown revitalization, including façade improvements to address blighting conditions. This program is

funded with Community Development Block Grant funds and requires a public hearing be conducted prior to the application.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact of setting the public hearing on a potential application.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Resolution setting public hearing
- 2) Public notice of public hearing

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0242

**A RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine anticipates applying for CDBG Funds through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Downtown Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, IEDA requires applicants to hold a hearing to inform residents of the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, a the City must publish notice of the required public hearing not more than 20 nor less than 4 days prior to the date of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, in the City's application for funding the City proposes to work with downtown businesses to on a program to revitalize the downtown through façade improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine City Council hereby sets a public hearing for Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., and invites the public to comment regarding the City's planned uses of funds and compliance with federal regulations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July 2021.

DIANA L. BRODERSON, MAYOR
CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

CAROL WEBB, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE
CITY OF MUSCATINE'S PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

The public is invited to comment on the City of Muscatine's proposed application for CDBG funds through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Downtown Revitalization Program. The City anticipates requesting up to \$500,000 to support a downtown façade program.

A Public Hearing will be held August 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. during the Muscatine City Council meeting. Public participation in the Hearing may be in person in Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall at 215 Sycamore Street or electronic through the GoToMeeting link and/or call in information that will be published on the official agenda at the City's website not less than 2 days prior to the meeting. If you are a person requiring a special accommodation for a disability or language barrier, please contact the City at 563-262-4141 at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting date.

Comments may also be submitted in person or by mail to the City of Muscatine, 215 Sycamore St, Muscatine, IA 52761 or electronically to jroyal-goodwin@muscatineiowa.gov prior to the August 5 Public Hearing.

