

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: February 10, 2017
Re: Grant Application resolutions

As we work toward the redevelopment of the 108 and 110 E. Lawrence Ave. buildings as a 'pocket park,' or whatever form this public open space will take, we are looking for outside funding support.

Among the sources we would like to apply for are a second grant from LEAP for public art, and a potential "Impact" placemaking grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation.

Because the public art that would be commissioned for this grant project would be part of the larger development of the pocket park, we are not asking the city to provide any supplemental funding like we did for the most recent sculpture project. That is, we are asking only for authorization to apply, and not asking for additional city funds.

The Capital Region Community Foundation grant is for up to \$75,000, but requires a dollar for dollar match. In this case, we would expect the match to come primarily from other grants and funding sources (such as the LEAP grant itself), and so we are not asking for city funds to support this application now either. The grant allows the applicant time to raise or otherwise account for the necessary matching funds.

These applications are both due in February, so I am asking the resolutions to be placed on the expedited portion of the agenda.

Moving forward, we will be seeking additional funds for this project from a variety of sources, some of which may require additional city permissions or authorizations.