

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

Item X1

Request - Grand Island Creative Arts District for project funding

Staff Contact:

The Creative District Program is a program ran by the Nebraska Arts Council, with legislation passed by the Nebraska Legislature that will utilize the arts as an economic driver. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to Creative Districts of Nebraska. Any community in Nebraska can participate and the program is designed for projects that focus on significant cultural tourism projects. Creative districts have shown to build bridges within the communities. The maximum grant request amount for new Districts is \$250,000.

Grand Island's Railside and Fourth Street businesses are working together to form a Creative District. This collaboration will increase the visibility of the area to Grand Island residents and its visitors.

We are requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$4,000 from CRA for financial support to hire an outside contractor that will assist the community in completing the Eligibility Assessment or facilitate the strategic plan that is required.

We appreciate your support and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hand