



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Emmanuel Llamas, Ward 1 Alderman

DATE: August 2, 2023

SUBJECT:

The Ward 1 business grant is a 50/50 match up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per project per year.

PURPOSE:

The property must have a business zoning or equivalent and be operated as such. The business must be located within the Ward 1 boundaries of the City of Aurora. Any qualifying business located in Ward 1 may apply for the matching grant up to \$5,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading or improving the exterior of their property.

BACKGROUND:

Alderman Emmanuel Llamas and the Ward 1 Committee will receive applications from business owners within Ward 1 for exterior and other improvements to their buildings or property, as approved by the Committee. Applications will be accepted on Ward 1 forms, reviewed, and approved subject to availability money in the Ward 1 Business Grant Program. Applicants must provide a minimum of three bids or estimates where possible for the proposed work, along with their application. All bids shall be obtained from contractors that pay prevailing wage consistent with Illinois law, 820 ILCS 130 et. Seq. This program will not be extended past the current Alderman's term.

DISCUSSION:

\$20,000.00 has been allocated for this program in the Ward 1 account 311-1350-419.50-99.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of the program will support business property owners and tenants to improve their buildings and enhance their appearance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the Ward 1 Business Grant Program with the current guidelines.

cc: Rules, Administration, and Procedures Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution authorizing the Ward 1 Business Grant Program 50/50 match up to \$5,000.00 per project per year for any qualifying businesses for the purpose of upgrading or improving the exterior of their property.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 1 Business Grant Program was established to support with business enhancements and improvements to their buildings or property; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing Ward 1 Alderman to receive, review and approve requests for grants; and

WHEREAS, a set of guidelines has been written to implement the grant program. \$20,000.00 has been allocated for this program. Reimbursements for these projects will be paid out of the Ward 1 Grant account 311-1350-419.50-99; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: approve the Resolution authorizing the Ward 1 Business Grant Program with the current guidelines.