

RESOLUTION NO. R20-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE
AWARD OF GRANTS FROM THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT
FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE LURA LARGE GRANT REQUEST PROGRAM FOR
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel approved a Large Grant Request Program proposed by the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency (LURA) through Resolution No. R15-08; and

WHEREAS, a number of property owners prepared and submitted applications seeking grant funding through the Large Grant Request Program for their respective projects; and

WHEREAS, as provided in the Meeting Minutes (attached hereto and incorporated herein), the LURA Board reviewed and considered all of the applications submitted and recommends the City Council's approval and award of large grants to the Applicants in the following amounts:

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| 1. | Coburn Tax Services: | \$13,185.96 |
| 2. | Linse Family – 20 Idaho Ave: | \$25,999.38 |
| 3. | Darrell Dyer – W. 1 st St. Development | \$62,200.00 |
| 4. | Millers – 403-407 E. Main Street | \$20,062.00 |
| 5. | Ron Seder – 119 W. Main Street | \$44,328.50 |
| 6. | Sarah Kuhr – The Front Porch | \$7,000.00 |
| 7. | Shaun Jones – 101 W. Main Street | \$45,375.00 |

WHEREAS, all the applicants, applications and projects are eligible for grant assistance and LURA recommends approval and funding of the same in the amounts provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, that the Applicants listed herein are hereby approved for large grants pursuant to the Large Grant Request Program in the amounts provided herein to be paid from the City's Large Grant Request Program, Tax Increment Financing District Fund.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 25, 2020, by Council Member Sparks.

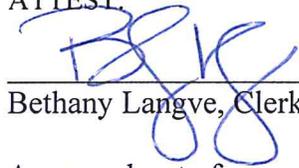
PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 25th day of August 2020.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 25th day of August 2020.

CITY OF LAUREL


Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Sam Painter, Civil City Attorney



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
LAUREL URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY LARGE GRANT
COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 06, 2020
10:00 AM
LAUREL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

General Items

1. Roll Call

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09AM

Janice Lehman
Mardie Spalinger
Don Smarsh
Dean Rankin
Daniel Klein (Arrived at 10:15AM)

Nick Altonaga (City of Laurel)
Richard Herr (City Council)

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: June 22, 2020

Mardie motioned to approve the minutes from June 22, 2020
Don seconded.
Motion Carried.

3. Large Grant Spreadsheet 2020

Ken Olson from the MT State Firefighters Memorial Committee was present at the meeting to discuss his grant application. The work was completed last year. Part of the current request was split between other matching grants. The memorial has been working to keep the site updated with the names of firefighters and has been in touch with firefighting families across the state. Ongoing landscaping and insurance are the main funding requirements. Ken has been active with state firefighting groups for possible grants and other funding sources. He has also been working with The Front Porch to hold events and work together to make events successful. An award of the large grant would be very helpful moving the project to near completion. The current grant purposes are eligible, but Nick will go back and review the previously approved Large Grants to ensure that one was not previously awarded.

Members went through and discussed the Different grant applications in order.

Lorna Coburn had previously attempted to apply in 2018 but was turned away due to the amount of existing applications. Was suggested to reapply in 2020 to receive a proper return on investment. Everything appears eligible.

Darrell Dyer's application for W. 1st St. looks very promising for the district. Could yield great returns for the TIF District and Downtown.

Linse family project at 20 Idaho Ave. Have done a full overhaul of renovating the property. Currently a rental and small commercial use run out of it. Nick provided a packet of photographs of the completed work.

The Miller application for 201 E Main St. is ineligible for grant funding as it previously received funding from the Large Grant Program in 2018.

Miller application for 403-407 E. Main St. was under discussion. The project was recently completed. Members thought the project looked good.

Members reviewed the Ron Seder application for 119 W. Main St. Nick provided a packet of photographs to support the application of the work that has been ongoing since 2019. The previous owner of the property had received a technical assistance grant to plan for upgrades. Members discussed how the building has needed renovation and has been derelict since the early 1980s.

Discussion of Shaun Jones' application for 101 W. Main St. A centrally located, historic property that is deserving of the work and the grant funding. Window replacement is eligible under the Large Grant Program.

Discussion of Sarah Kuhr's application for the Front Porch roof replacement. Members discussed how they are very community minded. The roof replacement is eligible.

New Business

4. Large Grant: Coburn Tax Services
5. Large Grant: Linse Family - 20 Idaho Ave
6. Large Grant: Darrell Dyer - W. 1st St. Development
7. Large Grant: Millers - 201 E Main St.
8. Large Grant: Millers - 403-407 E Main St.
9. Large Grant: Ron Seder - 119 W. Main St.
10. Large Grant: Sarah Kuhr - The Front Porch
11. Large Grant: Shaun Jones - 101 W. Main St.
12. Large Grant: Ken Olson - MT State Firefighters Memorial

Members discussed how to adjust the grant funding. What would be the best way to get it at the \$225,000? Don established a 7% adjustment for each grant, and a further subtraction of the remainder from each grant.

Daniel Motioned to approve the 2020 Large Grant applications with a proportional adjustment to meet the \$225,000 program limit.

Don Seconded.

Unanimous vote in favor.

Motion Carried.

Old Business

Other Items

13. Budget Review

Announcements

14. Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 11:00AM.

Don Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Daniel Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20AM.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
LAUREL URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020
11:00 AM
LAUREL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

The Chair Called the meeting to order at 11:00AM

1. Roll Call

Mardie Spalinger
Don Smarsh
Daniel Klein
Judy Goldsby
Nicholas Altonaga (city of laurel)

Ken Olson
Richard Herr

Brief discussion on marking down if members are absent in the meeting minutes. Nick received emails from Michelle and Janice that they would be absent for this meeting.

General Items

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: July 6, 2020

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from July 6, 2020.

Daniel Motioned to approve the Minutes from July 6, 2020.
Don Seconded.
Motion Carried.

3. Big Sky EDA Update

Dianne was not present for this portion of the agenda.

4. Beartooth RC&D Update

Steve Simonson from Beartooth RC&D was not present for the meeting.

Chair moved the Discussion on the Large Grant Program up in the agenda. Nick discussed the current situation and the need to update the previously approved spreadsheet.

Ken Olson of the MT State Firefighters Memorial Park was present. He wanted the board to know that he was unaware that they had previously received a grant. It had been two years and it had slipped his mind.

He will be sure to check the status of grants and eligibility prior to submitting applications in the future. The application of the 2020 Large grant was not intention and did not want to do anything untoward. Ken wanted to stress that the work of LURA is tremendous and has a focus on the community. He applauds the work the board has done.

Don remarked that LURA values the Memorial Park project and that they are in support of the continued efforts.

Nick presented the updated spreadsheet with the updated removal of the MT Firefighters Memorial grant. Members discussed the amendment.

Don Motioned the amend the previously approved LURA Large Grant decision with the updated amount of \$218,150.84.

Daniel Seconded.

Unanimous Vote in favor.

New Business

5. Yellowstone County Economic Recovery Plan Presentation

Nick presented the outline of the Yellowstone County Economic Recovery Plan. Diane Lehm had arrived to provide additional comment.

Judy – Why are Railroad and Refineries not included in the Recovery Plan contents?

- Will the loss of demand lead to lay-offs in those industries?
- The question was raised about the statistics for “Leisure Activities”, what is included in that definition?
- Is the economic recovery task force planning for longer term recovery? Months out?

Big Sky EDA has received funding to bring on SBDC funding to employ a staff member to help track the recovery and see what the ongoing situation is.

- Seeking out funding for those hardest hit industries.
- Will be preparing information on this in the short term to get a better idea of the long term impacts

Don asked if there are any additional programs left for people to utilize?

- The Governor will most likely seek out further options to use funding.
- Federal level discussions have taken place about the next round of funding.

Big Sky is working on Business stabilization plans for businesses. Steve Simonson at Beartooth also has funding available through the RLF and other grants. There are also service grants through the state for non-profit institutions.

The VFW has been displaced from its buildings and needs assistance to meet its obligations. Other memberships organizations are in similar situations.

Old Business

6. Large Grant Program Discussion

Item moved up in the agenda.

Other Items

Judy mentioned that the Bridger Wind Farm project will be trucking turbine parts out of the Railyard for the next few weeks/month. Roads will be partially shut down to accommodate these trips.

7. Budget Review

Nick will provide an updated budget at next month's meeting.

Announcements

8. Next Meeting: August 17, 2020

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34AM

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DATES TO REMEMBER

| LURA Large Grants 2020 | | | | | | | | | | | Funding | |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Applicant | Project | Application Date | Start Date | Completion Date | Initial Requested Amount | Working Amount(50%) | LURA Approval Date1 | City Council Approval Date2 | Total Available: Eligibility Date | Disbursed Date | Awarded Amount | 19-20 |
| Lorna Krueger-Coburn | Coburn Tax Services - energy efficiency upgrades, water drainage repairs on north of building. | 3/26/2020 | 2/1/2019 | 9/1/2019 | \$ 26,371.92 | \$ 13,185.96 | 7/6/2020 | | | | \$ 225,000.00 | - |
| Darrell Dyer | Demolition of current single family residence and construction of mixed use buildings with 17 residential units and 5 commercial storefronts. Improvement of public infrastructure. | 6/1/2020 | 8/1/2020 | Winter 2020/ 2021 | \$ 124,400.00 | \$ 62,200.00 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Kirk and Doris Linse | 20 Idaho Ave - Full remodel of interior and exterior, repair of foundations, basement; lighting replacement, HVAC upgrade, landscaping work. | 6/1/2020 | 6/1/2015 | 9/1/2020 | \$ 51,998.75 | \$ 25,999.38 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Ken Miller and Peggy Miller | 201 E. Main Street - Project completed in 2019 - Part of 2018 Large Grant Award (\$17,698) - Updated Building Exterior and structural work - Is this project eligible for current round of funding? | 6/1/2020 | 6/1/2018 | 5/1/2019 | \$ 16,059.16 | | | | | | | |
| Ken Miller and Peggy Miller | 403-407 E. Main Street - Update to building electrical, update to building HVAC, installation of Air Scrubber Plus system. | 6/1/2020 | 6/1/2019 | 5/1/2020 | \$ 40,124.00 | \$ 20,062.00 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Ron Seder | 119 W. Main Street - Foundation replacement, replacement of old painted ceiling tiles, new sheetrock, plaster, electrical, insulation, high efficiency lighting, roof replacement | 6/1/2020 | 10/1/2018 | 7/1/2020 | \$ 88,657.00 | \$ 44,328.50 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Shaun Jones | 101 W. Main St. - Remove and Replace windows on second story of building (front, side, rear) Remove and replace awning AC on interior of structure façade. | 6/19/2020 | 8/1/2020 | 10/1/2020 | \$ 90,750.00 | \$ 45,375.00 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Sarah Kuhr | The Front Porch - Roof Replacement of currently leaking and aging roof. | 6/24/2020 | 7/1/2020 | 11/1/2020 | \$ 14,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| Ken Olson | MT State Firefighters Memorial - Addition of benches and archway sign, improvement of landscaping and installation of iron fence (Requested LURA funds on application is \$22,422.50, which is approximately 50% of total invoice details, appears slightly below actual 50% mark) | 6/25/2020 | 1/30/2019 | 12/1/2019 | \$ 47,845.00 | | 7/6/2020 | | | | | |
| | | | | | \$ 500,205.83 | \$ 218,150.84 | | | | | \$ | |

