

Grants & Rebates Committee

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - 8:40am-9:45am

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce - 1414 N. Ashland Ave.

In attendance: Rebecca Dohe (Committee Co-chair), Marcy Huttas (Committee Co-chair), Fernando Moreno (Voting Member), Elaine Coorens (Voting Member)

Guests: Elsa Hiltner (Grant Applicant – Collaboration), Nicholas Jenkins (Safety/Façade Rebate Applicant – 1302 N. Milwaukee Ave), Austin Delonge (Safety/Façade Rebate Applicant – 1302 N. Milwaukee Ave)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Specialist), Garrett Karp (Program Manager)

Motion 1: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** for Collaboraction’s 2020 programming at the Flat Iron Arts Building through December 31, 2020. (19-1110)

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$540** from line item **1.10 (Community Grants)** or 826CHI’s “Fresh Ink” initiative to take place through June 30, 2020 at 1276 N. Milwaukee Ave. (19-1201)

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve the request for an extension for North Wolcott LLC’s 2017 Façade Rebate application for 1900 W. North Avenue, and to approve payment from the 2020 Budget not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **2.03 (Façade Enhancements Program)**. (20-0107)

Motion 4: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$5,000** from line item **2.03 (Façade Enhancements Program)** for 1302 N. Milwaukee Ave. façade renovations. (20-0105)

1. Safety Rebates

- a. GK suggests that the Committee discuss raising the threshold for Commission/Committee view of rebates to \$1,000 (currently \$500) to allow for staff to issue safety rebates in a timely manner.
- b. MH agrees but suggests waiting until later in the year to make that determination, as it will be helpful for the new committee to have some experience reviewing the different types of Safety Rebates.
- c. RD also suggests that Security Cameras can also be a separate rebate process from the rest of Safety (anti-smash glass, graffiti film). Security Cameras would always be reviewed by committee but staff can continue to issue anti-smash glass and graffiti film rebates, regardless of amount.
- d. MH and RD agree that if this happens, the amount of Security Cameras could be increased to \$2,000, since they are an effective way to deter crime and tend to be very expensive for businesses.
- e. GK agrees that these are all great ideas and should be discussed at Executive Committee.

Motion 5: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed **\$1,000** from line item **5.05 (General Safety & Security Programs)** for the installation of exterior security cameras at 1302 N. Milwaukee Ave. (20-0106)

2. Discussion

- a. The Committee would like to see a running list on future agendas for all rebates & grants where they are in the process of completion.