

Grants & Rebates Committee
Thursday, April 14th, 2022 – 8:35 AM – 9:20 AM
Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Marcy Huttas (Committee Co-chair), Nicole Plecas (Committee Co-chair), Elaine Coorens (Voting Member)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager)

Community Grant Applications

1. Wicker Park Farmers Market Season / Composting Programming + Marketing

Motion 1: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for Wicker Park Farmers Market 2022 Outdoor Market to assist with composting programming and artist stipends. (22-0401)

*EC motions. NP seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

2. Dynamic Events / Do Fashion Fest 2022

Motion 2: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for Dynamic Event's Do Fashion Fest 2022 at Do Division to assist with marketing expenses. (22-0402)

*MH motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

3. WPBCC / Wicker Park Fest & Burr Elementary Kids Fest Area

Motion 3: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 1.02 (Special Events) for WPBCC's Wicker Park Fest to assist with marketing expenses. (22-0403)

*MH motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Motion 4: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for Burr Elementary's Kid's Fest Area at Wicker Park Fest. (22-0404)

*MH motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

4. Wicker Park Advisory Council / CREATE Series

Motion 5: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for Wicker Park Advisory Council's CREATE Series to assist with marketing and artist stipends. (22-0405)

*MH motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

5. One Strange Bird / Children's Community Art Program

Motion 6: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$2,500 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for One Strange Bird's Children's Community Art Program to assist artist stipends. (22-0406)

*MH motions. EC seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Discussion: The Committee would like to know how many events will be held before Commission.

6. Bucktown Community Organization / Bucktown Garden Walk

Motion 7: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$2,500 from line item 1.10 (Community Grants) for Bucktown Community Organization's Garden Walk to assist with marketing expenses. (22-0407)

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Discussion: The Committee would like to know how much of the event will be held within SSA boundaries before Commission.

Façade Rebate Application

1. 2119 W. North Ave. – 2110 Corporation / Tuckpointing

Motion 8: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to table the Façade Rebate for 2119 W. North Ave. (22-0408)

*EC motions. MH seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Security Rebate Application

1. 1516 N Milwaukee Ave. – Nicks Beer Garden / On-site Security Services

Motion 9: The Grants & Rebates Committee moves to approve funding not to exceed \$5,000 from line item 5.03 (Security Patrol Services) for Nick's Beer Garden to assist with on-site security patrol services. (22-0409)

*MH motions. NP seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passes.***

Discussion

1. Safety Rebates

- a. The Committee discussed updating the application to cover buzzer systems for businesses. Staff have had requests from several businesses who are seeking this option to further security at their storefronts.
- b. AH will send draft edits to the Committee to review.

2. Façade Rebates

- a. The Committee discussed the future of the façade rebate as it currently stands. The Commission is more interested in improving the immediate right away rather than funding general maintenance projects. This could look like funding the improvements to sidewalk café's and/or storefront appearance through planters, murals, etc.
- b. AH will work on draft edits for the Committee to review.