

# Request For Board Action

**REFERRED TO BOARD:** January 13, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 9

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution to approve a Business Incentive Grant for Limerick Lounge located at 912 Toft Street.

## **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

The applicant is requesting a Business Incentive Grant in the sum of \$20,000.00 which is the maximum amount available under the program. As proposed, the applicant would enclose their existing outdoor patio with vinyl all-year screens and add new doors to the area to create an all-year drinking and dining area for their business. Currently, the subject space is only used during the warm weather months.

The Limerick has been a long-standing business in Downtown Antioch and the requested incentive would assist them in continuing to be a viable business in the Downtown. As outlined by the applicant, the proposed additional space would allow them to expand their business and room for their patrons. While the proposed improvements would only have a minimal impact on improving the elevation of the building or the character of Toft Street, it would clearly assist the applicant's business and increase revenue to the Village.

Enclosed

- 1) Resolution (If Village Board supports the grant)
- 2) Estimates exterior work.
- 3) Proposed improvement plan

Based on the foregoing analysis, Staff would make the following motion:

**Staff is not in a position to make a favorable recommendation and is looking for direction of the Village Board on whether this Business Incentive Grant is eligible under the program.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT FOR LIMERICK LOUNGE LOCATED AT 912 TOFT STREET**

WHEREAS, the Village approved the Business Incentive Grant program in 2019 to provide matching funds to business owners who make new investment in their exteriors or interiors.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Business Incentive Grant Program is to promote new investment into existing and new businesses and improve the character of the Village's downtown and commercial corridors.

WHEREAS, the applicant operates a lounge located at the property commonly known as 912 Toft Street.

WHEREAS, the applicant is seeking assistance from the Village to enclose their outdoor patio area in order that it can be used year-round. Specifically, the applicant is proposing to install vinyl screens and new doors for the subject space.

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will assist the applicant in remaining a viable business in Downtown Antioch and generate more tax revenue for the Village of Antioch.

WHEREAS, the Village Board was able to conclude that the applicant's request met several factors for the Business Incentive Program and the assistance was justified in order to allow the applicant to remain a viable business in Downtown Antioch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village to Approve a Resolution for a Business Incentive Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the enclosure of the outdoor patio area for the Limerick Lounge property commonly known as 912 Toft Street.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2020.

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

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Lawrence M. Hanson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori K. Romine  
Village Clerk

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Mary C. Dominiak  
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Ed Macek



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Ted P. Poulos  
Daniel Yost

**Lawrence M. Hanson, Mayor**  
Lori K. Romine, Village Clerk

**MEMO TO:** Village President and Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Michael S. Garrigan, AICP, CNU-A, Community Development Director  
**DATE:** January 6, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Limerick Lounge  
912 Toft Street  
Business Incentive Grant Program

### Background

This façade application is coming before the Village Board under the Business Incentive Grant program which provide business grant up to \$20,000.00 to businesses in the Village of Antioch. The applicant, Limerick Lounge, is requesting a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 which would allow them to enclose their outdoor drinking/dining area and create a new all-year round area for their business.

The applicant is requesting a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 (maximum grant fund) in order to proceed with the following exterior work;

- The applicant is seeking to enclose the existing outdoor patio area which is located on Toft Street and create an all-year round facility. Specifically, the applicant is proposing to install six (6) vinyl curtain and I solar/wind screen for each opening in the patio area. Additionally, new store front doors would be added to this newly enclosed area. The applicant has identified total costs of \$42,744.33 which includes \$9,998.64 for interior radiant heating.

Based on the approved criteria for the Business Incentive Grant Program, Staff has reviewed the application and scored the application as follows:

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<i>The economic impact on the Village's sales or property tax revenue.</i>	2
<i>The impact on improving the physical appearance of a block or corridor.</i>	1
<i>The visibility of the business from a main corridor or arterial.</i>	2
<i>The impact that the proposed exterior improvement will have on the overall appearance of a building.</i>	2
<i>Interior renovations that increase sales or dining floor area and increase tax revenue.</i>	3
<i>Providing necessary assistance to either recruit a new business or retain an existing business.</i>	3

The applicant's score based on Staff's evaluation is 13.

## Analysis

The proposed enclosure of the existing outdoor space will only have a minimal improvement of the applicant's façade and the subject site is not located on one of the Village's main commercial corridors. Based on these factors, there appears to be a valid question whether granting the requested funds would address the goals of the Business Incentive Grant program.

With respect to retaining the existing business, the proposed request would assist the applicant in continuing to be a viable business in the Village's Downtown. The applicant has been a long-standing business in Antioch, and they are requesting these funds from the Village to assist them in remaining viable as they face increase competition.

Additionally, these funds will increase the floor area for the applicant to serve additional food and liquor related to their business. As proposed by the applicant, the new outdoor patio will become space that can be used in the cold weather months.

Based on Staff's analysis, we would make the following motion:

***Staff is not in a position to make a favorable recommendation on this grant request; however, we are looking for the direction of the Village Board.***





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