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January 18, 2021

**TO: Mayor Hank Porter  
Stayton City Councilors**

**FROM: Revitalize Downtown Stayton Board of Directors**

**RE: 2020 Neighborhood Improvement Grant funding**

We realize that COVID has decreased the funding available to the City, and that you are faced with difficult decisions about how to best spend the funds that are available.

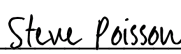
It makes sense that the Neighborhood Improvement Grants may be one of the programs that you believe is a luxury during these difficult times. However, the Grant Application that was submitted by RDS is unique this year and may suggest a need to re-evaluate the natural first reaction.


This year, we were able to secure a double match for the funds requested- if the City funds the \$5000 grant, we have requested for over-the-street lighting, we have two partners who will match that amount to cover a total of approximately \$15,000 in costs. This may make the City's investment in the project "too good to pass up".

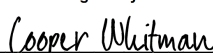
Also, there is a second application from a group of merchants for bike racks totaling \$5000. Having a proposal that is supported by a group of merchants and has been acknowledged by the City as a need is also a unique situation.

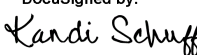
It is our hope that, while understanding the need to be frugal this year, you will find that cutting the Neighborhood Improvement Grants by 2/3 will be sufficient and will still allow for funding of \$10,000. for the only two Applications submitted.

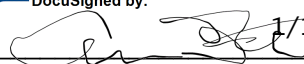
Thank you for your consideration.

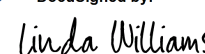
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