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RETAIL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
"REP" APPLICATION

Upon completion, please submit application to DIAprograms@coj.net

Note: DIA "Grants" are structured as forgivable loans with related performance requirements and rights and remedies in the event of default. Approvals under this application will require the Applicant to enter into a loan agreement that details these terms and conditions and may also require a security agreement and the support of personal guarantees from principals.

PART 1: To be completed by the Tenant and/or Property Owner

I. TENANT APPLICANT INFORMATION:

- 1. Business Operating Name (d/b/a): _____
2. Nature of Business: _____
3. Property Address: _____
4. Business Telephone: _____ Website URL: _____
5. Business Legal Name: _____
6. Business Mailing Address: _____
7. Form of Ownership (sole proprietorship, partnership, LLC, S-Corp.): _____
8. State of Business Formation: _____
9. Employer Tax ID: _____ Business Tax Receipt #: _____
10. Contact Person (Name/Title): _____
11. Contact Mailing Address: _____
12. Contact Telephone: _____ Contact E-Mail: _____

II. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION: (if different than Tenant Applicant)

- 1. Property Owner Operating Name (d/b/a): _____
2. Property Owner Mailing Address: _____
3. Contact Person (Name/Title): _____
4. Contact Mailing Address: _____
5. Contact Telephone: _____ Contact E-Mail: _____

III. PROPERTY INFORMATION:

- 1. Is the Property located within the Northbank or Southside Retail Enhancement Boundary? [] Northbank [] Southside [] Unsure
2. The Property has Historic Landmark status: [] Yes [] No [] Unsure
3. The Property is a Contributing structure: [] Yes [] No [] Unsure

4. Year the Property was constructed (if known): _____

Please note, applicants are encouraged to reuse, rehabilitate, or restore historic architectural elements to retain the charm and character of older buildings and incorporate design principles sensitive to neighboring building structures.

5. Provide information on any DIA incentives or funding the subject property has received in the past or where an application is contemplated or currently under consideration.

Note: Costs submitted for consideration in this application may not also be submitted or paid previously under any other incentive or funding provided by COJ or DIA.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION:

For purposes of this Application, "Establishment" refers to the business seeking the REP Grant. Information requested below shall also be included in greater depth and detail in the Business Plan submitted with this Application as outlined in Part 2.

A. Identify the type of Establishment: _____

B. Provide the total square footage per floor utilized by the Establishment: _____

C. If the application is for a project using multiple floors, describe the use(s) of the ground floor, as well as the public access to, and street visibility of, any uses above the ground floor: _____

D. If the Establishment is relocating from one Downtown building to another, please identify the reasons for such relocation: _____

E. Identify how many full-time equivalent jobs will be created and maintained for at least 5 years: _____

V. ESTABLISHMENT LEASE INFORMATION:

A. Lease term (number of years, 5-year minimum): _____

B. Lease term start date: _____

C. Lease build-out period (number of months): _____

D. Rent payment start date: _____

E. Renewal Options: _____

VI. IMPROVEMENT COSTS AND REQUESTED FUNDING:

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1. Estimated total cost of Eligible Improvements: \$ _____ 100 %

2. Business Owner contribution (amount and % of total): \$ _____ %
3. REP Request (amount and % of total):
 Square Footage _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ %
4. Property Owner contribution, if any, that is provided to demonstrate commitment to this project: _____

PART 2: Required Documentation to be Provided

1. A copy of the property tax bill or deed to confirm ownership of the property.
2. A legally valid and binding lease for a period of at least five years with use restricted to an allowable retail use. *(Note: A fully negotiated unsigned lease may be provided, if Applicant is finalizing negotiations subject to funding requirements.)*
3. A detailed written description and scaled elevation drawing depicting the size, dimension, and location of the improvements and modifications, with samples when applicable.
4. A legally binding agreement with a licensed and qualified contractor. *(Note: A fully negotiated unsigned construction contract, subject only to execution may be provided, if the parties are finalizing negotiations subject to meeting funding requirements.)*
5. If the applicant is not the property owner, a notarized statement from the property owner authorizing the construction and improvements.
6. Evidence that the applicant is prepared to do business by including with the application the following required items:
 - a. Business Plan to include:
 - i. Concept and target market
 - ii. Advertising/marketing plan
 - iii. Source of cash/capital and cash flow analysis, including financial need or gap financing analysis
 - iv. Summary of management team’s skills and experience
 - v. Number of job positions created
 - b. Three year projected operating pro-forma
 - c. Design for storefront and interior
 - d. Plan for merchandising if applicable (inventory levels, brands)
 - e. Minimum one-year corporate (as to a property owner applicant) and three year’s personal tax returns (as to a tenant applicant) (exceptions will be considered for startups to accept three year’s personal tax returns).
7. Project budget identifying all project costs, including sources and uses, as follows:
 - a. Detail all work to be performed to the property, including ineligible improvements, in a form that reconciles with information provided in the application.
 - b. Break out or otherwise identify costs specific to any outdoor uses and “mixed-use” uses, indicated by applicable floor.

NOTE 1: REP grant funds may not be used for any portion of costs of improvements submitted as part of an application or already approved for funding through any other incentive or funding from COJ or DIA. Such costs must be separately identifiable in the construction budget presented at the time of application.

NOTE 2: See the REP guidelines for additional information on costs generally considered eligible or ineligible.

8. Information on any previous grants, loans, or incentive awards received previously by either co-applicant or closely related entity.
9. Executed applicable authorization affidavit(s), for example: Agent Authorization for LLC, General Partnership, Corporation, and Property Ownership Affidavit.

***Please note, if Applicants submit unexecuted but pending agreements (such as a lease agreement that is conditional upon grant funding), they shall submit all fully executed agreements as soon as practical. Further, Applicants shall notify the DIA staff of all substantial changes made to such agreements after submission. The DIA reserves the right to reverse a grant award if substantial changes are made to agreements after a grant is awarded. ***

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROVED BY THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORK SOUGHT TO BE REIMBURSED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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APPLICANT ATTESTATION

The Applicant, _____, as Tenant/Property Owner (circle one) attests that the information submitted as part of this application package, as well as any subsequent information submitted for review by the Downtown Investment Authority (“DIA”) Staff, Retail Enhancement and Property Disposition Review Committee, or the DIA Board, is true and correct, and that all information and documentation submitted, including this application and attachments, is deemed public record under the Florida Public Records Law, Ch. 119 of the Florida Statutes. Falsification or omission of information will result in rejection of the application and potential criminal penalties. The DIA reserves the right to request any additional information needed to process this Application.

If the Applicant is awarded funding from the Retail Enhancement Grant Program, the Applicant agrees that he/she will execute a forgivable loan agreement with the DIA with terms relating to, but not limited to, the DIA’s payment of program funds only upon completion of the project as approved and satisfactory review of evidence of costs incurred and paid in accordance with the project budget as submitted at the time of application, and the DIA’s right to review and audit any and all records related to the Agreement. In the event of a default of the Agreement, the Applicant and any Guarantor may be jointly and severally responsible for repayment of funds awarded and disbursed.

Further the Applicant will be required to execute certain security documents based upon the Applicant’s ownership of the Property. For instance, if the Applicant is the property owner, he/she shall execute a forgivable promissory note and subordinate mortgage; if the Applicant is the tenant of the Property, he/she may be required to execute a forgivable promissory note and may further require the personal guarantee of its principal(s). However, if a property owner Applicant does not have a prospective tenant at the time of the Grant award, he/she may be required to execute a non-forgivable promissory note, subordinate mortgage, and further require the personal guarantee of its principal(s) (the specific loan terms to be determined by the DIA). All loan closing costs shall be included in the Grant amount awarded.

By signing below, the Applicant acknowledges that he/she has read and agrees to the Retail Enhancement Grant Program Guidelines.

By signing below, Applicant authorizes the DIA to submit a credit verification request and criminal background checks from local, state, and federal agencies. Please note that the review of this application will incorporate that information as may be relevant.

Legal Business Applicant: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signer Name: _____ Title: _____

Guarantor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guarantor Name: _____