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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Motion to approve application for a \$200,000k grant for the initial planning and design of the Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center. Funding will be provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through their Economic Development Initiative (EDI). ☐ [Attachments](#)

2. Approve an Ordinance to amend 7-4-52 to provide for more realistic responsibilities for the Historic Preservation Commission related to maintenance and repair of historic properties. ☐ [Attachments](#)

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Grant Application for the Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center

Department: Housing and Community Development Department

Caption: Motion to approve application for a \$200,000k grant for the initial planning and design of the Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center. Funding will be provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through their Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

Background:

The Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center will be located in the heart of the Laney Walker/Bethlehem Neighborhood Revitalization Area. As the city begins to implement its multi-year plan to rebuild the downtown urban area as a viable and safe area to Live – Work – Play, it is critical that multi-functional Community Centers be built. These centers are a critical component of the urban city as they provide programs and services to keep the community growing, stable and viable. The creation of The Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center supports Georgia’s Urban Development goals at a state level and President Obama’s goals at a National Level: “to facilitate the economic integration of families and communities with efforts to support the current low-income residents” of our Urban Cities. The Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center will focus on current social issues and offer programs and activities by a full-time staff. The Wellness Center will collaborate with local entities such as the Medical College of Georgia, University Hospital, Public Health Department and local non-profit agencies to provide various health and nutrition programs. These programs will focus on current social issues such as Chemical Free Living, Building Positive Self Esteem, Safety, Nutrition, Health and Well Being, Dress for Success, Specialized Women’s Programs, and Physical Education. The Center will be staffed full-time and will offer programs Monday through Saturday. It is recommended that the Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center be centrally located within the Laney Walker Neighborhood so that it will be easily accessible by all residents of the community. The Center will be named after Lucy Craft Laney as a tribute to her dedication to wellness, education and her strive towards improving the development and growth of women. The Center will develop programs that integrate the four key capstones of Lucy Craft Laney’s beliefs: a. Faith in children’s ability to learn; b. Commitment to the training and development of women; c. Ways to provide teaching and vocational opportunities; and d. Belief that Community Service creates Community Ownership. The Wellness Center will strive to have a positive Return on Investment (ROI) within the first three years. It is estimated that the center could reach about 400 residents. With the current population in this low-income area of 3,000 residents, the Center will reach about 10-13% of the community. From an economic development perspective, the Wellness Center will support onsite offices for about 4 non-profit organizations to provide various center programs. In addition, the Center will be designed to support one small business restaurant kiosk and

an open-air farmer's market that would augment the nutrition programs within the Center. A single non-profit will be responsible for the operation and growth of the Center.

Analysis:

The Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center will be centrally located within the Laney Walker Neighborhood so that it will be easily accessible by all residents of the community. The Wellness Center will promote wellness programs to area residents of all ages. These programs will reach out to about 400 residents of about a 3,000 person low-income community. On the economic side, the Center will support 4 on-site non-profit organizations, one onsite kiosk restaurant, one open-air farmer's market and one non-profit to operate the facility. This center will enforce the sustainability of the Laney Walker/Bethlehem Neighborhood and support the Neighborhood Revitalization project.

Financial Impact:

AHCDD will utilize the \$200,000 grant to perform the initial planning and design of the Wellness Center.

Alternatives:

None Recommended.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that AHCDD be granted permission to apply for a \$200,000k grant for the initial planning and design of the Lucy Craft Laney Wellness Center. Funding will be provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through their Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

Funds are Available in the Following Accounts:

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

**Finance.
Law.
Administrator.
Clerk of Commission**



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Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment**

Department: Planning Commission - Historic Preservation

Caption: Approve an Ordinance to amend 7-4-52 to provide for more realistic responsibilities for the Historic Preservation Commission related to maintenance and repair of historic properties.

Background:

Analysis:

Financial Impact: None

Alternatives: Approve amendment or not

Recommendation: Approve

Funds are Available in the Following Accounts: None

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Clerk of Commission

ORDINANCE NO: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 7-4-52 TO PROVIDE FOR MORE REALISTIC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RELATED TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE AUGUSTA RICHMOND COUNTY COMMISSION AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME THAT:

The Augusta Richmond County Code be amended to provide for more realistic responsibilities for the Historic Preservation Commission related to maintenance and repair of historic properties by deleting the existing language in 7-4-52 (b) and (c) and substituting the following new language:

(b) In the event the Historic Preservation Commission determines that there has been a failure to provide ordinary maintenance or repair, the Historic Preservation Commission will notify the owner of the property and set forth the steps necessary to comply with the provisions of this Section. The owner of such property will have ten (10) days to apply for the appropriate Certificate of Appropriateness.

(c) In the event that a COA is not applied for within ten (10) days, as referenced in (b) of this Code Section; the Historic Preservation Commission shall notify the appropriate City Department of the situation.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2010.

EFFECTIVE THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2010.

CLERK

MAYOR

