

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

 Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) Waiver of First Requested
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
 Other Business (Pink)

TO : PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE : July 13, 2021 **(BOT) Date:** July 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Village Engagement Relative to Private Grant Application

SUBMITTED BY: William J. Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development *WJH*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Prairie Food Co-op (PFC) is in the process of fundraising efforts to build out a retail tenant space for their proposed grocery store business at 109 S. Main Street, part of the Lilac Station development. PFC was made aware of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant Opportunity. In review of the grant parameters, PFC finds that they are ineligible for making the formal application for the grant but notes that local governments (i.e., municipalities) can do so. To that end, they have requested that the Village do so on their behalf. The grant must be submitted to USDA by July 30, 2021. Funding between \$100,000 to \$300,000 may be available.

This item was considered at the July 12, 2021 ECDC agenda for direction. The ECDC recommend to the Village Board that staff be directed to work with PFC on filing a grant application to the USDA for an Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grant for their proposed grocery store. The ECDC also recommended to the Village Board that staff be directed to develop a written policy for this situation to be considered in order to give guidance on similar requests on a going forward basis.

This item is being placed upon the July 15, 2021 Village Board of Trustees, Under Items for Separate Action, for consideration and approval of a motion to direct the Village Manager and staff to facilitate the grant application filing and developing a written policy for such requests should they occur in the future.

Special Note: This request only sets for the steps to completing the grant application effort. Should the USDA award a grant, the grant award and any subsequent acceptance and/or release of funds would be subject to a separate agreement to be considered by the Village Board at a later date.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Review (as necessary):

Finance Director _____

Village Manager _____

Date _____

Date 7/13/21