



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**March 11, 2021**

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**Department** Finance                      **Director Approval** Lacey Lies

**AGENDA ITEM**    Consider establishing the Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**    The Economic Development Advisory Board, along with City staff, recommend approval of the Grant Program and Application.

**BACKGROUND**    This program will be administered by the City of Independence in conjunction with the Independence Housing Authority to help homeowners living in the Neighborhood Revitalization Districts reinvest in their properties and improve neighborhoods. 2 or more neighboring homeowners must submit co-applications to participate. The City of Independence will reimburse each co-applicant a portion of the actual costs of improvements to their homes. Program eligibility, as well as a list of eligible and non-eligible improvements are listed in the Program and Application document, as well as an overview of the Program’s process. The main goals of this Grant Program are to 1) improve the housing stock in Independence, 2) improve neighborhoods in Independence, and 3) promote neighborly comradery.

**BUDGET IMPACT**    The EDAB recommends funding this grant from the Economic Development Fund in 2021 in the amount of \$50,000. This is within the funds budgeted expenditures and funding will be reviewed annually during the budget process.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**    I move to approve the Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program as presented.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program and Application
2. Sample Exterior Checklist
3. Financial Reports