

Recommended by the Downtown  
Development Authority on 12-6-2023

TO: Downtown Development Authority  
FROM: Ameer King, Assistant City Manager  
DATE: December 1, 2023  
RE: MEDC Grant Changes

As we have discussed for several months, the Grand Renovations Project bids came in higher than anticipated. The project was broken into smaller components and rebid. Again, the bids were higher than the budget allowed, and some areas received zero bids. The City reached out to MEDC and requested an amendment to the Revitalization and Placemaking Program Grant Agreement, in an effort to reduce the project scope while retaining the \$1 million grant. MEDC agreed to our request, please see attached documents. The scope of the grant now includes the streetscape components.

Staff and the DDA Executive Committee are recommending the board make the following recommendations to the City Council:

- Approve Amendment #1 of the Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Agreement.
- Approve a bid for ET Mackenzie for the Streetscape components of the project.

Enclosures

- City memo to MEDC requested amendment to Revitalization and Placemaking Program Grant Agreement, Case: 3733003
- MEDC Memo – Amendment #1 Grand Renovations for Downtown Grand Ledge
- Giffels Webster – Downtown Streetscape – Bridge St and W. River St.



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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 28, 2023

**To:** Valerie Hoag, MSF Fund Manager

**From:** Tori LaDuke (MEDC), Program Specialist, Community Development Incentives

**Subject:** Request for Approval of a Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Agreement  
Amendment #1  
Grand Renovations for Downtown Grand Ledge

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### Request

The City of Grand Ledge is requesting approval of an amendment to the Revitalization and Placemaking Program Award and any related ancillary agreements. This request is to change the project scope while still providing direct placemaking and walkability improvements within the downtown. The eligible costs will decrease with the reconfiguration of the project from \$3,943,986 to \$3,398,691. All other terms of the current Agreement will remain the same.

### Background

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved \$1,000,000 RAP performance-based grant of September 7, 2022, to the City of Grand Ledge Authority for the purpose of creating a more pedestrian friendly downtown along with public spaces for public use. This project is formally known as The Grand Renovations for Downtown Grand Ledge project.

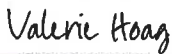
The need for this amendment for a project scope change is due to the increased cost of the project along with a sparse and often nonexistent bidder response. The project will be eliminating the kayak launch, enhancements to Fitzgerald Memorial Field and fieldhouse along with updates to Riverfront Park. The project will focus on GRDGL's essential elements to create a public open space and improve pedestrian walkability throughout the 4-block area of the city's traditional downtown with the direct infusion of permanent infrastructure and recreational resources to attract and accommodate significantly more people into the downtown.

### Recommendation

The MEDC Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the City of Grand Ledge Authority proposal that will change the scope of work.

### Approval Authority

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By: Valerie Hoag  
Its: Fund Manager

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