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	Agenda Item No. Roll Call No. Communication No. Submitted by:	29 <u>11-1639</u> <u>11-616</u> Terrance N. Vorbrich, Acting Economic Development Administrator

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution for preliminary approval of a Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program Predevelopment Grant of \$5,000 and a Façade Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for renovations to 210 Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

SYNOPSIS:

Jeffrey C. and Pamela K. Baker, 661 42nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312, own the commercial building at 210 Court Avenue, where they formerly operated the Judge Roy Bean Restaurant. The building is currently vacant. The Baker’s are proposing a historical renovation to the building’s exterior and extensive renovations to the building’s first and second levels to make it available for retail/commercial use. The Predevelopment Grant is a 1:1 matching grant, not to exceed \$5,000, for architectural and engineering fees. The grant will assist in preparing final historical renovation design and construction plans needed to move the project forward to the construction phase. The NCR Façade Grant is a 1:1 matching grant, not to exceed \$15,000, for building façade improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$20,000

Funding Source: The NCR Loan Program is a CDBG funded program administered by the City’s Office of Economic Development. FY 2011-2012 Recommended Operating Budget, Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Loan Program, SP020, CDD049900, Project ID CDBG2009049, page 71.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Jeffrey C. and Pamela K. Baker, owners of 210 Court Avenue, are proposing a historical renovation to the building, bringing it up to code and make it available for retail/commercial use. The building, built in 1904 was the original home to the Walter Boyt Saddlery Company. It is a two-story building, that in the past, has served manufacturing, warehouse and retail uses. The building is presently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a contributing building to the Court Avenue Historical District.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of NCR Grant Agreement.

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