


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>22-578</b>	Meeting:	<b>December 12, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>36</b>	Roll Call:	<b>22-1895</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Matthew A. Anderson, Deputy City Manager</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving grant agreement with Center at Sixth to provide matching funds for the Nonprofit Innovation Fund grant for the construction and development of a Black and Brown business incubator at 1714 6th Avenue.

### SYNOPSIS:

On July 18, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1145, the Des Moines City Council approved an economic development grant in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to serve as the required 10% matching funds in support of the Center at Sixth's Nonprofit Innovation Fund grant application made to Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). In September, Center at Sixth was awarded a \$3,000,000 grant to construct and develop a Black and Brown business incubator as part of their project on 1714 6th Avenue.

The Office of Economic Development has established terms of a Grant Agreement which provides for non-project generated tax increment financing funds to be the source of the approved grant-match allocation.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000

Funding Source: Tax increment generated by the Metro Center Urban Renewal Area.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Center at Sixth business incubator is part of a larger project by Ashworth Development, LLC which will also include 32 dwelling units, 17 of those to be provided at an affordable rate.
- The subject site is currently owned by the 6th Avenue Corridor, who issued a Request for Qualifications in December 2020 for development of the property. In 2021, the 6th Avenue Corridor Board selected the proposal submitted by Marquas Ashworth and his team.
- Commencement of construction is planned for April 2023 with completion anticipated in the fall of 2024.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: July 18, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1145](#)

Action: Items regarding 1714 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue:

- (B) [Approving](#) an economic development grant to match funding in support of Center at Sixth's Nonprofit Innovation Fund grant application. ([Council Communication No. 22- 346](#)) Moved by Sheumaker to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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