


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-368	Meeting:	September 29, 2025
	Agenda Item:	44	Roll Call:	25-1301
	Submitted by:	Cody Christensen, Development Services Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Rescission of Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Award to DDX Worldwide Cargo (Juan Guaman) for proposed project at 1940 Easton Blvd.

SYNOPSIS:

On April 7, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0505, the City of Des Moines approved an award of Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) funds for the proposed project at 1940 Easton Blvd. within the fourth round of the NCR program. The program's policies and guidelines require that properties must be in compliance with Des Moines Municipal Code. Since the time of the award announcement, this property has ceased to make progress on the proposed renovation project, and has seen an accrual of enforcement actions due to its vacancy and susceptibility to break-ins.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Reduction of round four (4) NCR Grant program allocation by \$115,000. Grant funds for the proposed project have not been distributed to the recipient.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Operating Budget, Page 52, S743, CM025033, Economic Development Enterprise Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The NCR application for this project included the intention to fully renovate the building, with the overall renovation project inclusive of roof and structural repairs, façade restoration, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and site improvements. The end result of the restoration project was to allow for a Latin market and retail spaces.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 7, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0505](#)

Action: [Round](#) four (4) NCR Program funding, and authorizing execution of agreement with NCR Program round four (4) funding recipients. ([Council Communication No. 25-143](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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