


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-033	Meeting:	February 9, 2026
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	26-0187
	Submitted by:	Carrie Kruse, Economic Development Administrator		

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving Amended and Restated Cooperative Agreement with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. (6AC)

SYNOPSIS:

Since 2009, the City of Des Moines, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and the 6AC have cooperatively joined in the Main Street Iowa Program to improve the neighborhoods adjacent to 6th Avenue, from University Avenue to the Des Moines River. Involvement in the Main Street program requires financial support from the City, which has been documented through the Cooperative Agreement, a two (2)-party agreement between the City and 6AC. Since the 2023-2024 budget, the City has provided \$50,000 in financial support to 6AC. This amended and restated agreement extends the annual \$50,000 support for one year and updates the reporting requirements required from 6AC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$50,000

Funding Source: \$50,000 per year for one year, funded from the General Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Cooperative Agreement has typically been approved based on a calendar year, while the City's fiscal year begins July 1. The payments to 6AC have typically occurred in June and December, with half of the annual payment dispensed at each date. The payments under this amended and restated agreement will occur in June 2026 and December 2026.
- The Cooperative Agreement outlines the performance and reporting expectations of the 6AC, and was updated in this amended and restated agreement to more accurately reflect the current activities and benchmarks of the 6AC organization. Funding over the next year is contingent upon fulfillment of the expectations included in the Cooperative Agreement.
- On March 23, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-0503, the City Council endorsed an application by the River Bend and Cheatom Park Neighborhood Associations to participate in the Iowa Main Street Program as an Urban Neighborhood District.

- In May 2009, the River Bend Neighborhood Association received the Main Street Iowa Urban Neighborhood District Program designation for the 6AC.
- 6AC was incorporated under the Revised Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act to administer and fulfill the activities required under the Main Street Iowa Urban Neighborhood District Program. Main Street Boundaries includes 6th Avenue from I-235 north to the Des Moines River, from the street to the alleys; and 7th Street from I-235 to where it joins 6th Avenue south of University Avenue, from the street to the alleys.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 22, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0754](#)

Action: [Amendment](#) to Cooperative Agreement with 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. ([Council Communication No. 23-245](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1.

Absent: Sheumaker

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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