



COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING OF: July 8, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 14.G

SUBJECT:

Termination of the Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant Balance to Safai located in Casa Costa at 470 N. Federal Highway, Unit 3

SUMMARY:

The CRA's Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant Program provides qualified new or expanding businesses located within the CRA boundaries with rent payment assistance for a maximum period of 12 months.

On March 21, 2024, the CRA Board approved a Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant in the max grant funding of \$13,850.04 to Safai LLC d/b/a Safai for a full service restaurant located in Casa Costa at 470 N. Federal Highway, Unit 3, Boynton Beach, FL 33435 (see Attachments I-II). Safai opened in August 2024 and celebrated with the CRA during a Ribbon Cutting event on November 8, 2024.

Under the terms of their Landlord-Tenant Lease Agreement, the base rent to be paid by the applicant is \$2,308.34 per month (see Attachment III). Safai qualified for the grant as a Tier I business (as specified in the grant application) and is eligible to receive \$1,154.17/month for a period of 12 months, or a total grant amount of \$13,850 during its first year of business. Grant reimbursements to the approved applicant occur on a monthly basis upon receipt of proof of rent payments.

Rent reimbursements began on a monthly basis in August 2024, once the business was open and operating with their City and County Business Tax Receipts. To date, Safai has received \$8,079.19 in reimbursements for August 2024 - February 2025.

In March 2025, in response to in-person site visits, online reviews and the grant recipient's unresponsiveness to emails/phone calls (see Attachment IV), staff began to have concerns as to whether the restaurant remains open and operating. Staff has reached out multiple times to applicant but have not received any response as of the date of publication.

As of agenda publication, there has been no additional requests for reimbursements and the restaurant is seemingly closed. Staff recommends terminating the balance of the grant award totaling \$5,770.85 and reallocating it back into the Economic Development Grant project fund line item for future applications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2023-2024 Budget, Project Fund, Line Item 02-58400-444, \$13,850

CRA PLAN/PROJECT/PROGRAM:

2016 Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Plan

CRA BOARD OPTIONS:

Approval of Termination of the Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant Balance to Safai LLC d/b/a Safai located in Casa Costa at 470 N. Federal Highway, Unit 3, Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- [Attachment I - Commercial Rent Reimbursement Grant Application](#)
- [Attachment II - Location Map](#)
- [Attachment III - Lease](#)
- [Attachment IV - Requests for Updates](#)