



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

March 21, 2023

Resolution approving agreement by and between Two Tone, Inc. DBA Bluebird Diner and the City of Iowa City.

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Fiscal Impact:	\$22,046 in Emergency Levy funds
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	Resolution Bluebird EE.grant.doc Bluebird Agreement signed.pdf

Executive Summary:

Two Tone Inc. DBA Bluebird Diner has applied for a grant for a project to renovate the HVAC system, remove and replace existing single pane PPG Lug sash windows with new Kawneer storefront windows, and replace all lighting with LED. The total project cost is \$44,093.50 and the 50% matching grant request is \$22,046.75. In the newly adopted Strategic Plan, one of Iowa City's key values focuses on Climate Action. This project aligns with the Strategic Plan Action to provide energy efficiency incentives, as described in the Buildings section of the Accelerating Iowa City's Climate Actions Report. This project will be funded by the Emergency Levy fund.

Background / Analysis:

The Bluebird Diner has been a Northside Marketplace favorite for many years since occupying what once was the Gilpin Paint retail store. The Bluebird Diner owners desire to improve the energy efficiency of the entire building and prolong the life of this now historic, 60 year old Gilpin Paint building.

On August 6, 2019, the City Council declared a climate crisis for the City and accelerated the City's goals for carbon emission reduction to reach net-zero emissions by the year 2050. As a result of this declaration, the City Council accepted an action plan in their effort to accomplish this goal. The Emergency property tax levy is being utilized to enhance and support efforts to reduce carbon emissions city-wide and within City operations. The Emergency property tax levy is set at \$.20 per \$1,000 of valuation and is expected to generate over \$850,000 in revenue to be utilized to help the City meet its climate action goals.