Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	May 26, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Ashley Seiler, Director of Economic Development
Item Number:	2026-850-AR	**Phone:**	(817)598-4279

SUBJECT: Consider a request for a facade improvement grant for 111 West Church Street in an amount not to exceed $18,642.50.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The property at 111 W. Church Street will be home to Our American Stories, a nationally syndicated radio and podcast program hosted by Lee Habeeb. Distributed through Premiere Networks and iHeartMedia, the show reaches approximately 1.2 million weekly radio listeners and an estimated 4.5 million total weekly listeners across radio, podcast, and streaming platforms. It is currently ranked among the Top 10 radio programs in the nation and Top 15 across all platforms. The renovations that fit the scope of the Façade Improvement Grant are the removal of the existing metal awning and application of new awning, the demo of the old windows and installation of the new windows, new door, and then lastly the brick façade update.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Facade Improvement Grant provides a City match of up to fifty percent (50%) of eligible improvement costs, with the applicant responsible for the first $10,000. The policy does not include a maximum grant cap. For 111 W. Church, the eligible front-facade improvements total $47,285. After subtracting the applicant's initial $10,000 obligation, the remaining $37,285 is eligible for a 50% match, resulting in a City contribution not to exceed $18,642.50.

Out of the initial $200,000 allocation for the facade program, $31,161.34 remains.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- 111 W. Church Street Application