



Downtown Community Gathering Space

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Kim Fleming

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Re: Plans for Downtown Community Gathering Space utilizing \$100,000 grant

1. OVERVIEW

The Town Board reviewed potential projects to utilize G.O. Bond money in January 2018. This project was one of the top priorities for the Board as the area is used by so many citizens of Davidson. It is also an area that attracts visitors and adds to the vibrancy of the downtown. It helps our thriving business/restaurant community by functioning as overflow outdoor seating and is also home to our Farmers' Market. The Town Board worked to secure a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture that can be used for this project.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Item: Economic Development, Social Community Engagement

List core value(s): The physical, social and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

Davidson's economic health is essential to its remaining a sustainable community so town government with judiciously encourage and guide the location of new businesses.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

PROS:

- Utilize \$100,000 of grant money
- Enhance one of the most used community spaces in town
- Benefit to local businesses

CONS:

- Have to spend town money to complete the project

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

We need to submit the grant paperwork to the Department of Agriculture to secure the funds. Need direction from the Board on utilization of grant funds and phasing or completion of the project.

5. NEXT STEPS

Direct staff to submit grant paperwork and allocate any other funds for project phasing or completion.