Town of Windsor Locks, CT

Economic Development and Grants Department

Quarterly Report for Bradley Development League Meeting

Period: Q2 2024

1. Executive Summary

The last quarter has been a period of strategic preparation and proactive engagement for the Economic Development and Grants Department. We have laid the groundwork for new grant applications and initiated communications with lobbyists and developers to explore grant opportunities.

One focus area has been on securing funding for the town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility. In early Q2, we submitted a significant grant application to the Blumenthal Fund.

Additionally, there have been notable transitions within our town's leadership, with a new First Selectman and an Interim Chief Financial Officer stepping in following Paul and Mandi's transition to new roles. Our department has been working on internal efforts while actively planning for town development, prioritizing improvements to our streets and continuing efforts towards historic preservation.

This quarter's activities have positioned us well for future successes, ensuring that we are poised to take advantage of upcoming opportunities and continue driving economic development in Windsor Locks.

2. Economic Development Activities

2.1. Business Attraction and Retention

- **New Businesses:** N/A
- **Business Expansions:** N/A
- **Retention Efforts:** Budget for FY25 was approved May 2024 first attempt.

2.2. Development Projects

- **Current Projects:** No new projects have been started that have not been discussed.
- **Completed Projects:** N/A
- **Upcoming Projects:** Still working with Trinity, upcoming grant initiatives in the works.

3. Grant Application Progress

3.1. Submitted Grants

- **Grant Title:** fy25_blumenthal__murphy_cds_application
- **Funding Agency:** House/blumenthal__murphy_cds
- **Purpose:** Windsor Locks Ambulance Building Proposal
- **Amount Requested:** ~$4M
- **Status:** Not the right fit, will not cover the cost of our project

3.2. Awarded Grants N/A

- **Grant Title:** Name of the grant.
- **Funding Agency:** Name of the agency providing the grant.
- **Purpose:** Brief description of the grant's purpose.
- **Amount Awarded:** Total funding awarded.
- **Implementation Status:** Current status of implementation (e.g., funds received, project started).

3.3. Grants in Development - TBA Q3

- **Grant Title:** Name of the prospective grant.
- **Funding Agency:** Name of the agency providing the grant.
- **Purpose:** Brief description of the grant's purpose.
- **Estimated Amount:** Estimated funding to be requested.
- **Expected Submission Date:** Anticipated date for submission.

4. Community Engagement

4.1. Public Meetings and Workshops N/A

- **Event:** Name of the event.
- **Date:** Date of the event.
- **Attendance:** Number of attendees.
- **Summary:** Brief summary of the event and key outcomes.

4.2. Stakeholder Outreach N/A

- **Stakeholder Group:** Name of the group.
- **Engagement Activities:** Description of the engagement activities undertaken.
- **Feedback:** Summary of feedback received from stakeholders.

5. Challenges and Solutions

5.1. Identified Challenges N/A

- **Challenge:** Description of the challenge.
- **Impact:** How the challenge impacts economic development or grant activities.

5.2. Proposed Solutions N/A

- **Solution:** Description of the proposed solution.
- **Implementation Plan:** Steps to implement the solution.
- **Timeline:** Estimated timeline for implementation.

6. Financial Overview

6.1. Budget Summary N/A

- **Economic Development Budget:** Overview of the budget allocated for economic development activities.
- **Grant Funding:** Summary of grant funds received and expended.

6.2. Financial Statements N/A

- **Income:** Breakdown of income sources.
- **Expenditures:** Breakdown of expenditures.

7. Future Plans

7.1. Strategic Initiatives

- **Initiative:** Transportation, Roads, EMS Facility, Historic Preservation
- **Objective:** WL has four or five streets which we'll be working with Sullivan & LeShane & our internal team to find opportunities for funding to cover new projects.
- **Timeline:** 2024/2025?

7.2. Long-term Goals - TBA Q3

- **Goal:** Description of the long-term goal.
- **Plan:** Plan to achieve the goal.

8. Appendices

Include any additional documents, charts, graphs, or detailed information that supports the report.

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