



TO: CRA Advisory Committee

THRU: Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., ICMA-CM, City Manager
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FROM: Miriam Garcia, Redevelopment Specialist

RE: **Interior Uplift Grant Application Recommendations**

DATE: March 31, 2022

The intent of the Interior Uplift Grant is to remedy degraded building systems and extend the economic viability of a building. The goal is to remove deterioration and improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings making them more viable for occupancy. The program offers financial assistance in the form of a reimbursable grant, matching 50% up to \$10,000. This program will complement other revitalization efforts to ensure the maximum leverage of resources and support local businesses.

A total of 16 applications were received and staff evaluated the applications on the following evaluation criteria: impact, activation of a vacant building, business type, and goals of the FPRA Plan. The scoring sheet of all applicants is attached.

The top five applicants are listed below:

- **118 N 9th Street** owned by Elmon Butts scored **193** of 200 points. The interior improvements that will be made are plumbing, electrical, flooring and paint to renovate this currently vacant building into a hair salon. The improvements are estimated to be \$45,489 and their request for the grant is \$10,000.
- **616 Atlantic Avenue** owed by Dance Ministries LLC scored **191** of 200 points. The interior project improvements include electrical and plumbing upgrades, repair of all flooring and interior paint. The future utilization of this building will be an education and arts center for artists, musicians, and photographers. The improvements are estimated to be \$121,409 and their request for the grant is \$10,000.
- **710 Orange Avenue** owned by Botanical Sanctuary LLC scored **181** of 200 points. The interior project improvements include electrical upgrades, installation of an induction furnace, and installation of security cameras. The future utilization of this building will be an arts and welcome center for locals and tourists. The total cost of improvements will be \$62,318 and the grant request is for \$10,000.
- **211 Orange Avenue** owned by Kristina & Derrick Gibbons is the currently location of Varsity Sport Shop. This property scored **180** of 200 points. The interior improvements that will be made are removing water damaged interior, adding a new wall to create retail space, and adding a barn door to separate the retail and production spaces. The improvements are estimated to be \$21,500 and their request for the grant is \$10,000.



- **100 S 2nd St (113/115 S 2nd Street)** owned by The Galleria at Downtown Fort Pierce LLC scored **176** of 200 points. The interior project improvements include plumbing upgrades, new grease lines, extending water and gas lines, installation of water heater, installation of security interior cameras and interior paint. This space in The Galleria is currently vacant and future utilization of this space will be a dining venue. The total cost of improvements will be \$53,790 and the grant request is for \$10,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the CRA Advisory Committee forward a recommendation for approval of the grant awards to the highest ranked applicants to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency Board.

INTERIOR UPLIFT APPLICATIONS CUMULATIVE EVALUATION SHEET

APPLICANTS	CRITERIA						
	Max 100 Points	Max 40 Points	Max 30 Points	Max 30 points	Max 200 Points	Amount	Total
	Impact	Activation	Business Type	FPRA Plan	TOTAL	Requested	Investment
118 N 9th St - Butts, Elmon	93	40	30	30	193	\$10,000	\$45,489
616 Atlantic Ave - Dance Ministries LLC	93	38	30	30	191	\$10,000	\$121,409
710 Orange Ave - Botanical Sanctuary LLC	93	28	30	30	181	\$10,000	\$62,318
211 Orange Ave - Gibbons, Kristina & Derrick	95	25	30	30	180	\$10,000	\$21,500
100 S 2nd St (113/115)- The Galleria at Downtown Fort Pierce L	83	33	30	30	176	\$10,000	\$53,790
519 S Indian River Dr - Botanical Sanctuary LLC	75	36	30	30	171	\$10,000	\$153,070
300 S 6th St - Fort Pierce Charter Development LLC	78	38	30	25	171	\$10,000	\$174,650
200 N US Hwy 1 - Peacock Temple LLC	78	33	25	25	161	\$10,000	\$364,658
402 S 5th St - Sierra, Evelisse (Mervis)	93	8	30	30	161	\$10,000	\$21,130
709 S 5th St - New Horizon of the Treasure Coast Inc	90	5	30	30	155	\$10,000	\$20,780
209 Avenue D - Nole, James Michael	73	33	20	25	151	\$10,000	\$25,000
1934 Tucker Court - 1934 Tucker Court LLC	65	25	30	25	145	\$5,000	\$10,025
518 N 2nd St - Bezuidenhout, Robin	80	0	30	30	140	\$10,000	\$21,166
420 N 6th St - Nole, James	65	15	25	25	130	\$7,057	\$14,114
2520 Orange Ave - United Against Poverty Inc	30	0	30	30	90	\$10,000	\$22,525
927 N US Hwy 1 - TTT Utopia Inc	25	0	30	25	80	\$7,175	\$14,350