

Title **City of Columbia, MO** 11/28/2022
by **Michael Snyder** in **Community Revitalization Grant** id. 34160889
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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Entity Legal Name **City of Columbia, MO**
(Do not enter a DBA.)

1a. Other Entity Name/DBA (Optional) **n/a**

2. 9-digit Federal ID Number. Do not enter dashes (428569745). **436000810**

3. 8-digit Missouri Tax ID Number (MTIS). Do not enter dashes (45678912). **12487708**

4. SAM.gov ID (Not required at the time of submission)* **WZR4KM9CBTV3**

5. 6-Digit NAICS Code **921130**

6. Phone Number **+15738747203**

7. Mailing - Street Address **701 E. Broadway**

8. Mailing City **Columbia**

9. Mailing State **MO**

10. Mailing Zip/Postal Code **65202**

11. County **Boone**

12. Physical Location/Project - Street Address	Orr Street
13. Project City	Columbia
14. Project State	MO
15. Project Zip/Postal Code	65201
16. Project County	Boone
17. What type of entity is the applicant?	Missouri municipality
18. Is your entity a subsidiary, chapter, or affiliate of a larger organization?	No
19. Does the Applicant have a State of Missouri Vendor Input Number previously issued within the last 18 months?	Yes
19a. Please enter your 11-digit State of Missouri Vendor Input Number.	00000125959

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

Authorized Representative

1. Full Legal Name - First Name, MI, Last Name (Ex. Sarah D. Smith)	De'Carlton E. Seewood
2. Title (Optional)	City Manager
3. Email	decarlon.seewood@como.gov
4. Phone	+15738742489
5. Street Address	701 E. Broadway
6. City	Columbia
7. State	MO

8. Zip Code **65201**

9. County **Boone**

Primary Contact The email address of the individual who created the Submittable account will be the primary contact for communication between DED and the applicant. This email address will receive notifications about application status and will be the recipient of any questions regarding your application.

10. Primary Contact - **Gabe Huffington**
First Name, MI, and
Last Name (Ex.
Sarah D. Smith)

11. Primary Contact **Acting Parks and Recreation Director**
Title (Optional)

12. Primary Contact **gabe.huffington@como.gov**
Email

13. Primary Contact **+15738746398**
Phone

III. POPULATION SERVED

1. Which impacted or disproportionately impacted population will your project PRIMARILY serve? Refer to the definitions of impacted and disproportionately impacted populations below. **Disproportionately impacted communities**

2. Estimated number of PRIMARY beneficiaries/households the project will serve: **7983.0**

3. Will the project serve a SECONDARY population? **No**

5. Estimated number of TOTAL beneficiaries (PRIMARY, SECONDARY, and TERTIARY) to be served by the proposed project. **49371.0**

IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Project Name **Orr Street Park Capital Improvement Project**

2. Project Start Date **4/3/2023**

3. Project End Date **6/3/2025**

4. Please provide a short description of the proposed project. **From the late 1800s until the 1930s, the Orr Street Park property served as a manufactured gas plant for AmerenUE, which resulted in extensive site contamination. AmerenUE finally completed remediation of the site in 2021 and the City of Columbia purchased the property in 2022 with the intent to create a community park in the North Village Arts District. This property is also located in the Downtown Community Improvement District so the development of a park that creates greenspace for local citizens, offers an attractive park for adjacent businesses and has amenities that support the strong cultural arts community in Columbia creates a park that meets two key factors for grant funding, impact on low income households and economic recovery. The park will include open greenspace, a playground, performance area, 6 to 7 outdoor art areas, seating area and walking trail. The proposed amenities and programming will create a multi-generational park project for Columbia and Boone County.**

5. What is this project's service area? Select all that apply. **Boone**

6. What is the population of the project service area based on 2020 U.S. Census data? **185840.0**

7. Describe the project service area, including addresses and/or latitude and longitude coordinates if available. If only a portion of one of more counties is included in your project service area, specify the cities or zip codes in each county included in the service area.

The Orr Street Park Property, located at 210 Orr Street, will be developed as a community park located in the central area of Columbia, Missouri in the North Village Arts District. The latitude is 38.954317 and the longitude is -92.324465. The park property is located within the 65201 zip code area but also serves citizens and visitors in the 65202 and 65203 zip codes in Boone County. The park is located in a low income area of Columbia and within the qualified census tract. As a community park in the city, we will have two levels of service area associated with activities at the future park. The immediate service area around the Orr Street Park property is defined by a one-mile walking distance radius with 7,983 households located in the area. These households will use the park on a daily basis for all types of outdoor recreation activities, small gatherings and park programming. The park will provide citizens with greenspace, large playground, outdoor seating area and perimeter walking trail. In addition to the immediate service area, the Orr Street Park property will also serve the entire city as a destination park for recreational programming, outdoor public art, live music, festivals and special events due to the park's location within the city, proposed park design and support from surrounding businesses and organizations. We consider the entire population of Boone County and Columbia, Missouri (49,371 households) as an additional project service area for the park. The community park will be utilized by citizens from throughout Columbia and Boone County and will serve as a key tourism destination for visitors to Columbia. It is expected that the project service area will reach all Missouri citizens once the development of the park is completed based on planned art and music programming at the park.

V. APPLICATION NARRATIVE

1. Discuss the economic impact of the project. Clearly demonstrate need in the community for the project and discuss how the project benefits the community at large through qualitative and quantitative data.

The park property is located within two special districts, North Village Arts District (NVAD) and Downtown Community Improvement District (CID), in the City of Columbia and businesses within each district have experienced significant economic hardship due to the pandemic. As park staff have worked with members of the Orr Street Park property development committee, emphasis during planning discussions was on how the park could provide a positive economic impact for local businesses surrounding the park property. The creation of greenspace and tree canopy, improved sidewalks and parking in the area and the promotion of creative industries within the park will provide a positive economic impact that is currently void in the area due to the vacant lot. The park would be a focal point for the NVAD's First Fridays Art Walk. The event occurs monthly in the NVAD and includes 36 small businesses in the area. It is estimated that the pandemic prohibited nearly 12,000 patrons from visiting this event when it was canceled for nearly two years. The impacted businesses include art studios, galleries, gift shops, restaurants and coffee shops. NVAD staff have already discussed how to incorporate the park into the event including live music, art exhibits and children's art activity space. The park has also been designed to be used as an outdoor music venue space. Live music was shutdown for a period of time that far exceeded many other industries. The owners of Columbia's iconic live music venues, the Blue Note and Rose Music Hall, estimate revenue losses exceeding \$2 million dollars in 2020 and just over \$1 million dollars in 2021. The park development could create a unique outdoor venue for live music and be a solution if indoor facilities are shutdown again. It would be an ideal location for their "Summerfest" concert series, which has a significant economic impact on the city. FPC Live staff plan to host 4 to 6 concerts at the park each year as part of "Summerfest" with estimated revenue potential at \$750,000. These events at the park impact other local businesses, such as restaurants, bars, shops and hotels, due to the number of visitors to the community for each event. The development of the park will also have an impact on local small businesses by improving the vacant space adjacent to the business, creating usable space for those businesses, increasing available parking spaces and improving ADA accessibility with new sidewalks and crosswalks. The Balsamo Warehouse houses 6 businesses and is located across the street from the park. It is estimated that businesses in the building had revenue reductions of 17% to 75%, one business closed due to the pandemic and each business experienced significant staffing losses. The dance studio in the Balsamo Warehouse saw a significant drop in attendance and didn't have their DanceAbility class for over two years. This program offers dance instruction for disabled adults and children. The performance stage was planned for the south side of the park to support their ability to have outdoor instruction.

2. Please provide data or information that illustrates and explains the need for funds for the proposed project. Be sure to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the project or on the need for project funds.

The City of Columbia has the opportunity to transform a former contaminated Brownfield cleanup site, that required the removal of 30,000 tons of tar-saturated soil and debris, into a premier community park focused on green grass, large trees, outdoor art exhibits and live performing arts. The park can have a unique economic impact on local small businesses including artists, musicians and boutique shops but the cost to accomplish the goal requires the City to find additional funding. The project will include removal of vacant buildings, additional soil remediation, replacement of 100% of the existing sidewalks and undergrounding of utilities. These costs can be extensive but necessary to meet our project goals. All of these things are also happening in a location of the City with 54% of residents below the poverty line. The park development is a true example of supporting local residents and local businesses in a community.

3. Describe how the applicant will reach and serve the identified eligible beneficiaries/population

The ability to reach and serve the identified eligible beneficiaries will be accomplished utilizing a mixture of park staff and community partners. The Parks and Recreation Department has multiple full-time employees that will be utilized for park promotions, scheduling and park special use permits. Park staff utilizes a wide variety of tools to reach citizens to educate them about park offerings including reaching out to citizens through RecTrac software (email/text messages), publicizing events at the park with flyers on the park bulletin board and information on mobile signs and through social media outlets. The Department's Marketing Specialist will handle the majority of the work associated with reaching out to park users and will be assisted by three members of the park administrative support team. In addition to these efforts, the Parks and Recreation Department has a strong relationship with local media outlets, including radio and newspaper media, to promote events, programming and sports at the park. Marketing campaigns are created and implemented for unique special events and a plan will be in place to introduce the public to the park and the special events that will be happening at Orr Street Park. Park staff will also work with local partners from the North Village Arts District, The District and FPC Live to advertise and program events at the park. Each of these groups has expressed an interest in using the park for special events, art shows, concerts, etc. and will coordinate outreach to eligible beneficiaries with Parks and Recreation staff.

4. Provide a description of the eligible activities that will be undertaken.

Under the criteria for "Disproportionately Impacted Communities," the Orr Street Park capital improvement project meets six out of the eight eligible activities listed in the guidelines. This includes costs to secure vacant property, removal and remediation of environmental contaminants, demolition of vacant or abandoned buildings, development of parks and green spaces, development of recreational facilities and creation of sidewalks, crosswalks and streetlights. The park development project will transform the former manufactured gas plant, owned by AmerenUE, into a 2.1-acre park that will provide daily passive recreation to nearly 8,000 households within 1 mile of the park. The park design is focused on maximizing greenspace, outdoor play for kids and promoting local art and music in the community. The focus on local art and music will meet the requirement for recreational activities in the park with the addition of a performance area, outdoor art exhibits and outdoor seating areas. The proposed improvements will also require the construction of new ADA-accessible sidewalks in the park, new crosswalks to access the park and LED lighting throughout the park to increase night-time safety. The park project is able to address, correct and/or improve 6 of the eligible activities and can only be completed if the grant funding is awarded to the City of Columbia.

5. Provide a timeline for the proposed project that demonstrates key project milestones and estimated dates for when costs are expected to be incurred and paid.

The timeline will be initiated once the City receives notification from the Missouri DED regarding the grant award and an agreement is executed by both parties. The first six months of the project timeline will include staff working with an architecture/engineering firm to create the site plan for the park to assist with determining utility needs, relocation of existing utilities, parking locations, ADA sidewalk placement and landscaping plan. By July 2023, necessary permits will be issued and materials bid for utilities, irrigation, landscaping and playground. By December 2023, park staff will begin removing the existing surface material and old walkways from the site. Staff will coordinate all utility work to be completed by June 2024 and installation of new concrete walkways will be completed by August 2024. Payments for this work will be issued after the completion date. Park staff will coordinate the installation of irrigation and the playground during summer 2024. By September 2024, staff will complete the installation of sod in all turf areas. All contractor based work will be completed by September 2024 with all outside vendor billing closed out by October 2024. Park staff will finalize the project with installation of site furnishings by spring 2025.

6. List up to three (3) specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound performance measure(s) that will be tracked to show that the proposed project impacted the intended beneficiaries. Describe the mechanism(s) used to track the outcome(s).

The Parks and Recreation Department will complete the following performance measures to track the success of the proposed development of the Orr Street Park property. These performance measures will provide quality data related to individual participation numbers, impact to local organizations and vendors and provide the comparable data necessary to evaluate success of the improvements related to impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic. As a department of a municipal government agency, staff has tracked this type of information for sports and recreation programming for over 15 years using RecTrac software. Park staff is prepared to handle the tracking and reporting of the three SMART measures to provide necessary pre/post pandemic data.

1. Park staff will track all details related to the large special events at the park through our Park Special Use Permit process. This process is used as the event planning tool for staff, citizens and organizations wishing to utilize the park for an event. Staff will collect necessary information related to type of event, number of people, portions of the park that will be used and reasons for the event. This process has also been in place for 15 years and utilized RecTrac software. Staff will be able to track and measure the success of the project based on the number of events and individual attendance after the completion of the improvements.

2. Park staff will work with FPC Live staff to track the number of tickets sold for "Summerfest" concert events at the park. Staff will compare the tickets sold to attendance numbers for events that occurred in another Columbia location before the pandemic started in spring 2020, zero attendance during the pandemic and number of attendees at music events in the park after the park development is completed in spring 2025. This data will provide us with strong economic support related to each concert as well as number of attendees at the park for each concert.

3. Park staff will work with North Village Arts District staff to create a tracking system for attendees of the First Fridays Art Walk including overall attendance as well as activities occurring at the park as part of the monthly event. NVAD staff are committed to conducting children's art activities in the park during each event, the performance area will include live musicians or dance groups during the First Friday events and food trucks will have space at the park. As a current vacant lot, there is no space for this to occur and all data will be compared on a yearly basis after the park development is completed.

Going from zero citizens in a vacant lot to 1000s of citizens utilizing a park throughout the year for a variety of activities is a perfect example of how "Community Revitalization" funding should be utilized in the State of Missouri.

7. Provide a brief description of your entity's approach to ensuring that the proposed project is a reasonable and proportional response to the negative economic impact of Covid-19.

The development of the park transforms a former Brownfield site into a greenspace that will serve a large % of low income households in Columbia and support local businesses hit hard by the pandemic.

VI. APPLICANT CAPACITY

1. Does the applicant have experience with projects that had similar federal funding, tracking, monitoring and compliance requirements as this grant program?

Yes

If yes, please describe your prior experience.

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has a long history of utilizing and successfully completing capital improvement projects with state and federal grant funding. Since 1969, the City of Columbia has been awarded 34 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grants from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the acquisition of park land, development of new parks and renovations to existing parks. The City currently has two active projects utilizing LWCF grant funding and all other projects have been completed and closed. The City has also completed 11 Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grants and currently has one active project, funded with RTP grant funding, in the design phase. The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has also received federal funding for the development of amenities at Clary-Shy Community Park. This includes an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant, totaling \$400,000, for the development of amenities at Columbia's Agriculture Park. This project was completed in 2021 and the grant was closed in 2022. In April 2022, The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$1.28 million dollar U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration financial assistance award for the phase II construction of the MU Health Care Pavilion. The contractor is selected for this project and estimated completion date is June 2023. The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has been fortunate to utilize millions of dollars in state and federal grant funding to develop and improve the park system over the past 50+ years.

2. Does the applicant **Yes**
have experience with
state or locally
funded projects that
had a similar project
cost and measurable
outcomes to those
proposed in the
current application?

If yes, please
describe your prior
experience.

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently working with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the phase II expansion of the MU Health Care Pavilion. This project, totaling \$1.6 million dollars, includes a \$1.28 million dollar financial award from the EDA. Throughout this project, we have worked closely with EDA staff through all facets of the project including initial project approval, finalizing the financial assistance award agreement, approval of bid documents for construction, approval of the grant administration vendor, approval of the construction administration vendor, monthly reports required by the EDA and other requested reports or information. The financial award from the EDA also requires tracking of economic impact of the project, number of jobs created, attendance at events at the pavilion and economic impact of the weekly Columbia Farmers Market that takes place at the pavilion. Park staff is responsible for this reporting at the close of the project and every three years after the project. Along with this project, park staff has also worked with staff from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on 45 grant funded projects in the City of Columbia. These projects have similar requirements to the proposed application and these guidelines have been met on the 42 completed projects.

3. Describe: 1) the roles, responsibilities, and experience of all individuals administering the grant; 2) the applicant's internal accounting controls; AND, 3) the financial accounting and reporting system used by the applicant (ex. Peachtree, Quickbooks, etc.).

The City of Columbia employs Andrew Wyatt as the Grant Administrator for all grants received by City Departments. Andy has extensive experience with grant administration working for the City of Columbia as well as multiple years working in the same capacity for the University of Missouri. The Parks and Recreation Department also have several staff members with extensive experience administering grants, in addition to receiving support from other City Departments such as Finance, Law, and the City's Grant Administrator. The key point of contact for the Parks and Recreation Department is Mike Snyder, Park Planning Superintendent. Mike has worked for the Park Planning Division for more than 23 years and has completed more than 20 Land and Water Conservation Fund grants and Recreational Trails Program grants provided by the federal government and administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Melinda Pope, Senior Administrative Supervisor, will assist Andy Wyatt and Mike Snyder with grant administration services. She has handled the financial billing and reporting related to multiple grants received by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Finance Department provides support with bidding, vendor contract compliance, accounting, and reporting. All bidding and contracts associated with the grant project will be coordinated by the City's Purchasing Agent and Purchasing Division staff. The Compliance Officer working within the Purchasing Division of Finance will oversee any contract compliance related to prevailing wage, OSHA, required affidavits, and project sign postings. The Finance Department also provides support with a Senior Accountant that oversees all accounting, asset capitalization, auditing, and reporting. The City of Columbia utilizes the Tyler Munis software system for financial accounting, has an external audit performed annually, and completes a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report each year. These financial reports and other documentation related to the City's financial condition can be found at <https://www.como.gov/finance/accounting/financial-reports/>. The Law Department offers support when contracting with vendors to ensure all required conditions are included and will work with the Missouri Department of Economic Development as the agreement for grant funding is finalized between the two parties. Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, Legal Department and Finance Department have worked together closely over the past 8 months working with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration on the Clary-Shy Community Park financial assistance award and the same team will assist with the management of this potential grant.

VII. BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. What is the TOTAL cost of the project?

2500000.0

2. How much are you requesting from this grant? **1250000.0**

3. Does the project for which you are requesting funding include capital expenditures? **Yes**

3a. What is the total cost of capital expenditures? **1550000.0**

3b. Does the project include capital expenditures of greater than \$1 million? **Capital expenditures of \$1 million or more**

3c. Federal regulations require projects having capital expenditures of \$1 million or more to include a Written Justification for the capital expenditures consisting of the three elements identified in the instructions below. Please enter your Written Justification.

1. Description of harm or need to be addressed: The development of the Orr Street Park property will provide a solution for two major areas of need for Parks and Recreation staff, citizens in the central area of Columbia, local businesses and organizations (NVAD and Downtown CID) with a strong interest in this area of Columbia. The area surrounding the park property is highly developed with 600 businesses and 5,000 residents located within the Downtown Community Improvement District. The lack of greenspace has been discussed extensively over the past 15 years among citizens and business owners and the pandemic heightened the need for outdoor recreation space in communities. There is a definitive need in this area of Columbia to develop the 2.1-acre tract of land into a park that has ample greenspace and provides tree canopy in a current location that has zero trees. The park property is an ideal project for grant funding based on the sheer volume of people it will impact but it should also be noted that over 54% of the population surrounding the park live below the poverty line. The construction of the park will provide a solution for any future pandemic when citizens are told to go outside and recreate. The park development will also provide support for the surrounding local small businesses and the members of the North Village Arts District. Columbia lacks a park that is focused on the promotion of cultural arts and the ability to add the park within NVAD is ideal on multiple levels. The park infrastructure will support the adjacent small businesses, promotion of the arts becomes a daily focus at the park and community partnerships are strengthened between the City and local organizations using the park for special events. 2. Explanation of why a capital expenditure is appropriate: Since the late 1800s, the proposed park site has served as an AmerenUE location that ultimately ended with an extensive multi-million dollar brownfield cleanup project in order to sell the property to the City of Columbia. The City has nearly \$1 million dollars tied to the purchase of the property and limited funds to complete the park development that is needed to address the lack of greenspace

in the central area of Columbia and to assist with the promotion of small business and cultural arts in Columbia. The site has three vacant buildings on the site that need to be removed, additional contaminated site cleanup necessary after the building removal, extensive utility work and accessibility improvements to complete in order to create a usable space. The existing site can not be classified as a park and, in no way, could be used for the types of proposed programming and activities outlined in this grant proposal. The current site is comprised of one-inch clean gravel, broken asphalt, chainlink fence and inadequate lighting. In general, parks are full of greenspace, contain extensive tree canopy, are 100% accessible and have utilities capable of handling the programming planned for the park. Once a month, park staff host a Family Fun Fest event for local families to spend time together and learn about different cultures, sports, arts, etc. depending on the theme that month. This type of event can't occur without the proposed improvements. Capital expenditures have to be made to meet the goals of the proposed programming and recreation events planned for the park. 3.

Comparison of the proposed capital expenditure against alternative capital expenditures: The proposed capital expenditure is similar to two other park development projects within the City of Columbia. The Parks and Recreation Department purchased the land for phase III development of Flat Branch Park and is currently working on the development of the park. The purchase price was similar at close to \$1 million dollars and cost for construction is similar due to construction of a bridge to connect the Flat Branch Park properties. The park is located in the downtown area adjacent to the University of Missouri campus. The project is not a good alternative for funding due to the lack of households adjacent to the park and the lack of recreational programming that will take place at the park. The park development maximizes green space but lacks the ability for long-term programming and community partnerships. The Orr Street Park Development meets the same criteria related to trees and green space but offers so much more in terms of long-term economic impact, educational opportunities for citizens and promotion of the arts. The second park project with available funding of comparable size would be the development of Whitegate Park. The size of the park is identical and similar park amenities are planned including a playground, sidewalk improvements, tree plantings (zero trees on park as well) along with some additional recreation amenities such as a basketball court. The issue with this development is that it is land locked due to major roadways and the number of households impacted by the project drops from nearly 8,000 to 3,000. This makes the Whitegate Park project less attractive for grant funding. The Orr Street Park property development maximizes our impact on the number of households in the area and provides a positive economic impact for the area. It is the ideal project to consider in terms of capital expenditures.

4. Does the project include capital expenditures over \$10M?	No
5. How much (dollar amount) in matching funds* will be provided for this project?	1250000.0
6. Will the amount of matching funds provided equal 50% or more of the total project cost?	Yes
7. Have you or will you be reimbursed for this project under any other state or federal program, including the CARES Act?	No
8. How many private dollars will be used for this project? Enter "0" if none will be used.	0.0
9. How many county/local dollars will be used for this project? Enter "0" if none will be used.	1250000.0
10. How many federal dollars (not including the amount requested in this grant application) will be used for this project? Enter "0" if none will be used.	0.0
11. How many state dollars* will be used for this project? Enter "0" if none will be used.	0.0
12. REQUIRED TEMPLATE: Complete and upload the Statement of Sources and Uses for the project.	

13. Provide specific, detailed information indicating how ready this project is to start once funding is provided.

If the City of Columbia is awarded the grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, staff anticipates starting the project within 90 to 120 days of the notification of the award. During this 90 to 120 day timeframe, staff with the Parks and Recreation Department will complete necessary public input, discuss the project and grant funding with the Parks and Recreation Commission and will request City Council approval to proceed with the project. The City Council approval to proceed with the project will coincide with the request to authorize the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development and appropriate the grant funding. Once the City Council has authorized the project and agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, park staff will begin the process of purchasing project materials, working with a local architect/engineer for any required plans for permitting and will begin creating bids for work to be completed by contractors. The quick turnaround after the grant award is due to necessary steps related to working with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and other City Departments. Park staff will work with staff from MODNR to discuss final plans and coordinate any additional required remediation cleanup related to the Brownfield site. Other City Departments will be heavily involved in the initial project design and coordination due to necessary utility undergrounding and the construction of new sidewalks and ADA roadway crossings that will connect the park to the neighborhood.

VIII. COMMUNITY PRIORITY

1. Alignment with Community Priorities Alignment with community priorities can be illustrated by one or both of the following: Clearly illustrate broad support for the project across stakeholder groups; and/or, Demonstrate that the project is a continuation of a community priority project that was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Documentation must be provided below to show the project delay was a direct result of the pandemic. For example, the applicant may provide documentation related to increased costs of construction or disruption in supply chain due to the pandemic.

1a. Indicate how the project aligns with community priorities. Select all that apply.

The project has broad support across multiple stakeholder groups.

1b. Explain how the project has support across stakeholder groups.

The development of the Orr Street Park property has been a long-awaited project by Columbia residents and local business owners in the downtown area of Columbia. With the opportunity to convert a former Brownfield cleanup site into a park that will create green space and access to community arts for all Columbia citizens, the support for this project is widespread throughout Columbia, Boone County and Missouri. As you review letters from different stakeholders, you will see support from Stacey Button, REDI President, and Matt McCormick, Columbia Chamber of Commerce President, highlighting the project's impact on our local businesses. Letters from Anna Meyer, Owner of Range Free and neighbor to the park, will show the economic impact the park development can have on one local business and Kenny Greene's letter will show support as a local artist as well as a business owner across the street from the park for 38 years. Tootie Burns, NVAD President and local artist, and Mike Nolan, Market Director for FPC Live, will show support by highlighting the impact on arts the park development could have and how it could benefit the art and music community in Columbia. Support for the project from elected officials includes federal, state and local elected officials as they all see the value in converting a former Brownfield site into a community park. Scott Huckstep, Chief - Brownfields Cleanup Section with MODNR, reiterates the support from the State of Missouri to eliminate the Brownfield site and create a multi-generational park in Columbia.

2. Community Leader Letters of Support

Upload up to six (6) letters of support from ELECTED community leaders such as: mayors, county commissioners, state representatives, and state senators.

[Mayor_Barbara_Buffaloe_-_Community_Revitalization_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[U.S._Congress_Representative_Vicky_Hartzler_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_Street_Park_Development.pdf](#)

[Missouri_State_Representative_David_Tyson_Smith_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_Street_Park_Development.pdf](#)

[Boone_County_Commission_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_Street_Park_Development.pdf](#)

[Missouri_Senator_Caleb_Rowden_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_Street_Park_Development.pdf](#)

3. Other Stakeholder Support Applicants may upload letters of support from other stakeholders in the community AND/OR applicants may email a Community Support Form to community stakeholders. A combined maximum of ten (10) community stakeholder support forms and/or letters may be submitted.

3a. Indicate below if you will upload letters of support, email the Community Support Form, or both.

Upload Letters of Support

If you have letters of support from other stakeholders, upload them here.

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Stacey_Button_REDI_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Matt_McCormick_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Scott_Wilson_DLC_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[The_District_-_Nickie_Davis_-_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_St_Park.pdf](#)

[Scott_Huckstep_MO_DNR_-_Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_City_Manager_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Mike_Nolan_Letter_of_Support.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Tootie_Burns_NVAD_Letter_of_Support.docx.pdf](#)

[Anna_Meyer_Range_Free_Letter_of_Support_-_Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant.pdf](#)

[Orr_Street_Community_Revitalization_Grant_-_Kenny_Greene_Letter_of_Support_signed.pdf](#)

How many **0.0**
Community Support
Forms, if any, did
you send? (Enter 0 if
you did not send
Community Support
Forms)

IX. REQUIRED DOCUMENT UPLOADS

If the proposed project is a capital project (construction, renovation, etc.), upload a copy of the project cost estimate prepared by an engineer or architect.

[Orr_St_budget_plan_photos_and_finance_letter.pdf](#)

Upload a copy of the *n/a*
applicant entity's
Certificate of Good
Standing if applicable
to your entity type*.

Upload the completed *n/a*
Leadership and
Ownership
Information form. You
MUST download and
use the form
provided by the
Department.

Upload the applicant entity's Statement of No Tax Due

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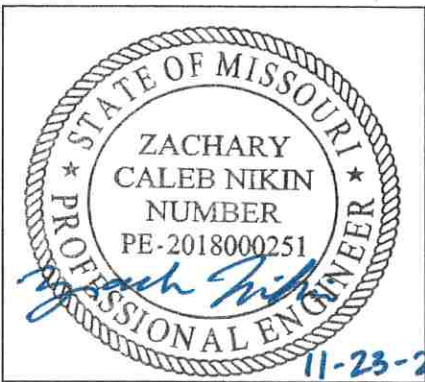
Orr Street Park Property Development**Cost Estimate**

Project to include development of former coal gasification site into downtown public park that

CONSTRUCTION COST SUMMARY

City of Columbia Capital Improvement Project Funding	\$	300,000
Land Aquisition (City of Columbia)	\$	950,000
Grant Match Request	\$	1,250,000
Total Budget	\$	2,500,000

DESCRIPTION	COST	SECTION SUBTOTAL
ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL EXPENSES		
Landscape Architectural/Engineering Services	\$ 55,000	
Permits	\$ 2,500	
Plans/Bidding/Advertisement	\$ 2,500	
		\$ 60,000.00
PRELIMINARY SITE WORK		
Removal of all concrete, asphalt, and existing soil to 36" depth.	\$ 100,000	
Overhead Utility Relocation	\$ 100,000	
New Utilities	\$ 100,000	
Clean Soil and Rock to replace 36" Removal	\$ 50,000	
		\$ 350,000
FLATWORK		
New Concrete Curb/Gutter	\$ 50,000	
Porous Paver Parking w/ Drainage Base/Pipe	\$ 50,000	
Exterior 6" Brushed Gray Concrete	\$ 25,000	
Paver Edging	\$ 10,000	
Brick/Concrete Pavers	\$ 100,000	
Interior Concrete Curb	\$ 35,000	
Interior 6" Accent Concrete Paving	\$ 50,000	
Stabilized DG Paving	\$ 75,000	
		\$ 395,000
SITE LIGHTING		
Perimeter LED Lighting w/ Controls	\$ 50,000	
Interior LED String Light w/ Controls	\$ 50,000	
Interior Electrical for Uplights/Outlets	\$ 25,000	
		\$ 125,000
LANDSCAPING		
Trees (Purchased and Grown in P&R Nursery)	\$ 10,000	
Irrigation	\$ 50,000	
Sod w/ 6" Topsoil Work	\$ 100,000	
Stacked Barn Stone @ Playground Edge	\$ 25,000	
Landscape Planters/Sensory Garden	\$ 25,000	
		\$ 210,000
PLAYGROUND		
Custom PIP Surfacing w/ Base	\$ 75,000	

	Themed Playground Features		\$	100,000	
					\$ 175,000
SITE FURNITURE/FEATURES					
	Surface Mount Tables/Benches		\$	25,000	
	Trash/Recycle Receptacles		\$	25,000	
	Tree Grates		\$	10,000	
	Custom Shade Sails w/ LED Uplighting and Controls		\$	100,000	
					\$ 160,000
PUBLIC ART					
	Custom Park Monument Sign		\$	25,000	
	Various Permanent Art Installations		\$	100,000	
					\$ 125,000
CONTINGENCY					
					\$ 75,000
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION BUDGET					\$ 1,550,000.00
					
Zach Nikin, PE					
Park Services Manager					
Columbia Parks and Recreation					

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

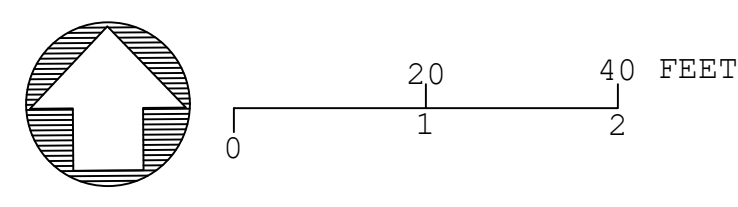
PARKING:
 EXISTING: 24 PARALLEL, 1 ADA
 PROPOSED: 52 STANDARD, 6 PARALLEL, 6 ADA

GREENSPACE/ IMPERVIOUS SURFACE:
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 PROPOSED: 66%

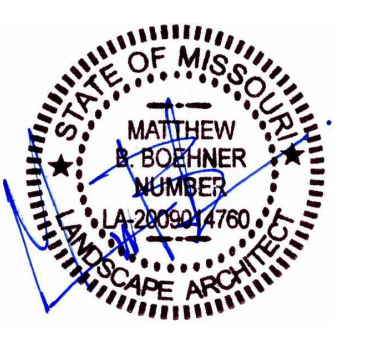
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 PROPOSED: 38



NOVEMBER 28, 2022



ORR STREET PARK PROPERTY PROPOSED PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Orr Street Property Site Images





November 28, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant
Grant Administration Department

Re: Missouri Department of Economic Development Community Revitalization
Grant- Orr St. Property Improvements (Budget from Park Sales Tax)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the City of Columbia has the financial capability of completing the above referenced project with matching funds available in the amount of \$1,250,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Lue". The signature is written over the printed name "Matthew Lue".

Matthew Lue
Director of Finance



Missouri Department of
Economic Development

ARPA Grant Programs Application Certification Statement

DED ARPA grant program:

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| <input type="radio"/> Broadband Infrastructure | <input type="radio"/> Workforce Training Grant Program |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Community Revitalization | <input type="radio"/> Local Tourism Asset Development |
| <input type="radio"/> Small Business | <input type="radio"/> Entertainment Venue |
| <input type="radio"/> Nonprofit | <input type="radio"/> Industrial Site Development |
| <input type="radio"/> Broadband Cellular Towers | |

Project Name:

The above must be completed for this Statement or it may be rejected.

I certify the following:

1. I am at least 18 years old.
2. I have authority to make the representations in the undersigned applicant's (Applicant's) grant application form and all accompanying documents, whether submitted simultaneously or in a supplemental manner (collectively the Application), on behalf of the Applicant and to submit the Application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) on behalf of the Applicant. The Application includes this Certification Statement.
3. Applicant understands that the Application and the information contained in it are material representations of fact upon which DED will rely in determining whether to award a grant. If it is later determined by DED that the Applicant knowingly provided inaccurate information or knowingly omitted material information in its Application, in addition to other remedies available, DED may deny the Application or may terminate a grant awarded based on the Application for cause or default.
4. Applicant understands that the Application is incomplete if it does not include all required attachments.
5. Applicant reviewed the Application and certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the information in the Application is accurate and complete as of the date submitted to DED.
6. Applicant agrees that it must provide immediate written notice to DED if at any time the Applicant learns that the Application when submitted to DED contained inaccurate information, or information has become inaccurate due to changed circumstances.
7. Applicant authorizes DED to verify the information in its Application from any source, including, but not limited to, other Missouri state agencies.
8. Applicant understands and agrees that if awarded grant funds on the basis of the Application, the Applicant will be required to enter into a grant/subaward agreement with DED through which it will agree to comply with all applicable federal and Missouri laws, the terms and conditions of the State of Missouri's grant agreement(s) with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Treasury's regulations and guidance, the applicable DED grant program guidelines for the Application, and other terms and conditions of the grant/subaward agreement.

9. The Applicant is not delinquent with respect to any non-protested Missouri state taxes.
10. The Applicant is not a named party in any pending or threatened liens or litigation that would materially impact the Applicant's viability.
11. The Applicant has not announced its intention to file for bankruptcy and is not currently in a bankruptcy proceeding.
12. The Applicant; Applicant's owners, principals, and executives; and anyone else identified by Applicant in the application have not committed a felony, are not currently charged with commission of a felony, and are not currently on parole or probation for a felony conviction. If the preceding sentence in this certification is not true for Applicant; Applicant's owners, principals, and executives; and anyone else identified by Applicant in the application, please disclose in the space provided the defendant's name, the jurisdiction and court, the date the case was filed, the crime(s) charged and/or convicted, and the case number.

13. If Applicant proposes using other funding sources (match), including other federal grants, to complete the proposed project in the Application, Applicant has confirmed and hereby represents that using the match for the proposed project as set forth in the Application will not result in a violation of any requirements related to the match (e.g., the terms and conditions of a grant agreement for the match).
14. Applicant understands that this grant program is covered by § 285.530 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), which requires, as a condition for the award of any grant in excess of \$5,000 by DED to a business entity (as defined in § 285.525(1) RSMo), that the entity provide a sworn affidavit regarding employment of unauthorized aliens (§ 285.525(10) RSMo) and participation in a federal work authorization program (§ 285.525(6) RSMo), which currently is the E-Verify program.
15. Applicant does not and will not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien in connection with the grant, and activities conducted under it, for the duration of the grant.
16. Applicant is enrolled in, and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment who are proposed to work in connection with activities to be conducted under the grant, for the duration of the grant. Applicant is providing a copy of its E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an attachment to its Application.
17. If Applicant is an entity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Applicant understands and represents that it is voluntarily providing information, which may include "personal information" as that term is defined in § 105.1500 RSMo, to DED, its employees and officials, in order to be considered for a grant. Applicant hereby waives any right it may have under § 105.1500 RSMo to claim that DED and its employees or officials are compelling Applicant to release any such information.

18. Applicant understands that, in addition to the consequences set forth in section 3 of this Application Certification Statement, there may be state or federal criminal, civil, or administrative penalties for false statements in the Application.

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Representative of Applicant

DE'CARLON SEEWOOD
Type or Legibly Print Name of Authorized Representative of Applicant

CITY MANAGER
Type or Legibly Print Title of Authorized Representative of Applicant

CITY OF COLUMBIA
Type or Legibly Print Applicant's Name

State of Missouri)
County of Boone) ss.

On this 21st day of November, 2022, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared De'Carlon Seewood [name of applicant's authorized representative], City Manager [authorized representative's title or office] of City of Columbia [name of applicant entity], proved to me through identification documents or personally known to me to be the person who signed this document in my presence, and acknowledged to me that such person signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose on behalf of the entity.

Kristina Ann Wolf
Notary Public



TAXATION DIVISION
PO BOX 3666
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65105-3666



Missouri
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Telephone: 573-751-9268
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CITY OF COLUMBIA
PO BOX 7236
COLUMBIA, MO 65205-7236

06/03/2022

RE: MISSOURI TAX ID NUMBER: 12487708
FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Notice Number 2030934179

Dear SIR OR MADAM:

The Missouri Department of Revenue received your request for a Vendor No Tax Due in accordance with Section 34.040.7, RSMo.

Enclosed please find the requested Vendor No Tax Due.

If you require additional information, contact the Taxation Division at the above address, telephone number, fax number, or e-mail.

TAXATION DIVISION

Enclosure

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VENDOR NO TAX DUE

CITY OF COLUMBIA
701 E BROADWAY
COLUMBIA, MO 65201-4465

DATE ISSUED: 06/03/2022
VALID THROUGH: 09/01/2022

MISSOURI TAX ID NUMBER: 12487708
FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

The Missouri Department of Revenue certifies that based on the information provided, the above listed taxpayer or vendor and its disclosed affiliates do not sell taxable tangible personal property or provide taxable services in the State of Missouri. The above vendor and its disclosed affiliates are in compliance with Section 34.040.7, RSMo.

This statement is not to be construed as limiting the authority of the Director of Revenue to pursue collection of liabilities resulting from final litigation, default in payment of any installment agreement entered into with the Director of Revenue, any successor liability that may become due in the future, or audits or reviews of the taxpayer's records as provided by law.

This certificate will remain valid until such time as the business activity changes. Please note that any change in or deviation from the operation of this business as originally described will render this letter inapplicable.

TAXATION DIVISION

Debarment and Suspension Form

This certification is required by 31 CFR part 19, and 2 CFR § 200.318(h) (made applicable by 2 CFR § 1000.10), which prohibit the award of grants funded through the U.S. Department of the Treasury to person or entities that are debarred, suspended, excluded or disqualified. This certification must be signed by an authorized representative of the Applicant who can legally bind the entity.


A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS CERTIFICATION

- (1) By signing and submitting this certification with its grant application, the prospective primary participant (Applicant) is providing the certification set out below (B).
- (2) The inability of an Applicant to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in the grant program. The Applicant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Department of Economic Development's (DED) approval of the grant application. However, failure of the Applicant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify Applicant from receiving the grant.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when DED determines whether to award the grant. If it is later determined that the Applicant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available, DED may terminate the grant for cause or default.
- (4) The Applicant shall provide immediate written notice to DED if at any time the Applicant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (5) The terms "covered transactions," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this certification, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact DED for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations (31 CFR part 19).
- (6) The Applicant agrees by submitting this certification, should the grant be awarded by DED, Applicant shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DED.
- (7) The Applicant further agrees by submitting this certification with its grant application that it will not award any contract or subaward to any entity on the governmentwide Excluded Parties List System (see 31 CFR part 19, Appendix).
- (8) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs (currently accessible through www.sam.gov).
- (9) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

- (10) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (6) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the DED, DED may terminate the grant for cause or default.

B. CERTIFICATION

1. The prospective primary tier participant (Applicant) certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
 - a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - b. Have not within a three-year period preceding this grant application, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1.b. of this certification; and
 - d. Have not within a three-year period preceding this grant application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
2. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Applicant shall attach an explanation to this blank certification.

<u>City of Columbia</u> Company Name	<u>WZR4KM9CBTV3</u> SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier* (if known)
<u>De'Carlon Seewood</u> Authorized Representative's Printed Name	<u>City Manager</u> Authorized Representative's Title
<u></u> Authorized Representative's Signature	<u>11-21-22</u> Date

*Formerly a DUNS number. On April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier across the federal government changed from DUNS to a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.

**THE E-VERIFY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR EMPLOYERS**

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the City of Columbia, Missouri (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

**ARTICLE II
RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
 - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
 - b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employer is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.

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4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.
 5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.
 - a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.
 6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:
 - a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.
 - b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.
- Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.
7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.
 8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.
 - a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly

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employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status

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(including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon

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reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see [M-795 \(Web\)](#)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

- a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

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b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:

- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
- iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).

f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:

- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
- iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with

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Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and

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- b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.
2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

ARTICLE III

REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify

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case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.
4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.
4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the

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employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.
6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:
 - a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
 - b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).
7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.
8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.
2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

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B. TERMINATION

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.
3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.
4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VI PARTIES

- A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.
- B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.
- C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.
- D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.
- E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to,

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Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.

To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

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Approved by:

Employer City of Columbia, Missouri	
Name (Please Type or Print) Deborah R Dijak	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 12/16/2008
Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division	
Name (Please Type or Print) USCIS Verification Division	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 12/16/2008

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Information Required for the E-Verify Program	
Information relating to your Company:	
Company Name	City of Columbia, Missouri
Company Facility Address	600 E. Broadway Columbia, MO 65201
Company Alternate Address	P.O. Box 6015 Columbia, MO 65205
County or Parish	BOONE
Employer Identification Number	436000810
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	921
Parent Company	City of Columbia, Missouri
Number of Employees	1,000 to 2,499
Number of Sites Verified for	15

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Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

MISSOURI 15 site(s)

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Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:

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**110 Orr St. Ste. 101
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November 14, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
P O Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Columbia Parks and Recreation's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project as offered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

My interest in this project is twofold. I serve on the Orr Street Park Development Committee and I am the owner of Range Free, a small independent dining establishment located in the North Village Art District (NVAD) within Balsamo Warehouse. Range Free caters to the intricate food-allergic population and we support local farmers, whole foods and other small businesses in the mid-Missouri area. As a proud supporter of the arts, Balsamo Gallery features a rotating display of local and national arts and hosts monthly exhibits popular with locals and visitors.

The planned amenities for this project including a themed playground, open space, performance stage and additional parking will provide much needed programming space and ease of access for customers and visitors to the NVAD. The numerous small businesses and not-for-profits located in NVAD help create and sustain jobs as well as keep the community vibrant. Not only do NVAD businesses provide arts and cultural benefits but they also make a significant positive economic contribution by putting money back into our local economy through paychecks and taxes to improve local public services.

Thank you for your consideration and support of small businesses in pursuit of a means to encourage a thriving, local economy. I encourage you to support and fund Columbia Parks and Receptions grant application as proposed.

Sincerely,

Anna Meyer
Owner, Range Free
Member, Orr Street Park Development Committee

Daniel K. Atwill, Presiding Commissioner
Justin Aldred, District I Commissioner
Janet M. Thompson, District II Commissioner



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Boone County Commission

November 9, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
P.O. Box 1157
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

To Whom It May Concern:

The Boone County Commission writes this letter in support of the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant for improvements to the Orr St. Property in Downtown Columbia.

The Orr St. Property is approximately 2.1 acres of land that was previously owned by Ameren UE. It has undergone extensive environmental clean-up and is proposed to serve as an urban park providing green space for residents in a part of town that is developed. The proposed park also will host concerts, outdoor art, a playground, social spaces, and opportunities for passive recreation.

Access to safe and well-maintained parks drives more livable and equitable communities and provides environmental, social, and economic benefits. Investment in parks through improved infrastructure, community engagement, and other place-based strategies can also address long-standing social and economic divides.

The Boone County Commission supports CRPD in their application for the Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr St. Property and hopes the Missouri Department of Economic Development takes this worthwhile project into consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner

Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner

Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner



November 21, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
P O Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the development of Orr Street Park. A successful grant application will advance a community-led project to transform a former brownfield site into a vibrant downtown amenity. As a staunch advocate for high quality greenspace, I enthusiastically support improvements to public spaces that are welcoming, accessible, and safe for all residents, especially those promoting economic development, and human and ecological health.

The Orr Street property encompasses approximately 2.1 acres of land in downtown Columbia. Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri, previously owned the land. Ameren vacated the land after their successful remediation efforts to remove coal gasification waste. City staff identified this location as a unique opportunity to purchase land for the development of an arts and cultural themed park located within close proximity to the North Village Arts District, the flagship campus of the University of Missouri and two additional institutions of higher learning.

The City of Columbia is well versed in the development of parks and recreation facilities designed to serve as engines for substantial economic prosperity. CPRD's capital projects with programmable amenities have generated positive economic impacts with a ripple effect throughout mid-Missouri. CPRD recently managed the planning and development of world-class facilities including the MU Health Care Pavilion at Clary-Shy Community Park (home of the Columbia Farmers Market which was voted #1 in the nation in 2021), Gans Creek Cross Country Course (scheduled to host multiple NCAA Regional and National Championships through 2030) and the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse. In 2019, sports tourism from CPRD facilities had an impact of about \$7.56 million for Columbia's economy.

I am confident the fortuitous opportunity to transform a restored brownfield into green space to support creative industries will be equally as successful as Columbia's agritourism and sport tourism venues. Columbia is a small city with a broad and vibrant public art and entertainment scene. Expanding opportunities for outdoor music, art fairs, and special events will attract visitors who will dine in restaurants, stay in hotels, and purchase gifts and services in the community. Increasing the opportunity for art and cultural venues will also create diversified and sustainable means for creating jobs, generating tax revenues, and attracting young professionals to mid-Missouri.



Our vision: Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

Columbia has a very active community and parks and trails are an important part of the character of our city. CPRD manages 3,500 acres of parkland, maintains 75 parks and approximately 60 miles of trails. Nearly every citizen lives within a ½-mile of a public park or trail and CPRD plans to continue that standard as we expand and grow in population. In a 2021 citywide citizen survey 87% of respondents indicated they had visited a local park with 96% of respondents indicating the condition of the park as excellent or good. I applaud our City's collaborative and creative efforts in finding new avenues for developing public green space. By investing in infrastructure that supports the arts, we plant seeds for the future and will make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to drive and fund investments into our community parks and open space. Please seriously consider CPRD's application for a Community Revitalization Grant. If funded, the Orr Street Development Project will have a great impact on the future growth and stability of the economy in Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Buffaloe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Buffaloe
Mayor

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DISTRICT 19

November 18, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
P O Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department – Orr Street Property

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for improvements to the Orr Street Park property located in downtown Columbia.

The Orr Street Park property is a 2.1-acre parcel of land that was previously owned by Ameren UE. It has undergone extensive environmental cleanup and was purchased by the City of Columbia to be developed into an urban park. The park development will focus on providing greenspace for residents in a dense population area of Columbia. There are also many businesses in the area that will benefit from the redevelopment of the former brownfield cleanup site. The proposed park is located in the North Village Arts District and will have a focus on the promotion of arts and music through permanent art installations, rotating art, live music, social spaces and opportunities for passive recreation. This new park development will create opportunities for outdoor concerts, special events and community gatherings that will bring visitors to Columbia on a weekly basis.

Access to safe and well-maintained parks is a driver of a more livable community providing environmental, social and economic benefits for a community.

I recommend that the Department of Economic Development award the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department funds the Orr Street Park property project. If you have questions or need further information please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Rowden".

Caleb Rowden
Senator – District 19

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David Tyson Smith

State Representative
District 45

November 18, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
P O Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: City of Columbia, MO Letter of Support for the Missouri Department of Economic Development Community Revitalization Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of my constituents, I write this letter to express my support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for improvements to the Orr Street Park property located in downtown Columbia.

The Orr Street Park property is a 2.1-acre parcel of land that was previously owned by Ameren UE. It has undergone extensive environmental cleanup and was purchased by the City of Columbia to be developed into an urban park. The park development will focus on providing greenspace for residents in a dense population area of Columbia that also includes multiple businesses that would benefit from the redevelopment of the former brownfield cleanup site. The proposed park is located in the North Village Arts District and will have a focus on the promotion of arts and music through permanent art installations, rotating art, live music, social spaces and opportunities for passive recreation. This new park development will create opportunities for outdoor concerts, special events and community gatherings that will support surrounding local businesses and bring visitors to Columbia on a weekly basis.

Access to safe and well-maintained parks is a driver of a more livable and equitable community providing environmental, social and economic benefits for a community. An investment in parks, through improved infrastructure, community engagement, and other place-based strategies, can also address long-standing social and economic divides. I fully support CPRD's application for the Community Revitalization Grant for the development of the Orr Street Park property.

Sincerely,

D. T. Smith

David Tyson Smith



November 14, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
P O Box 1157
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my ardent support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) application for \$1,250,000 for the Community Revitalization Grant regarding the Orr Street Park Development Project. This project supports outcome objectives of the City of Columbia's 2021 Strategic Plan including: organizational excellence, safe neighborhoods, reliable infrastructure and inclusive community and resilient economy. These objectives meet the current and future needs of our residents and visitors.

Due to successful brownfield remediation efforts, the City of Columbia is provided with a unique opportunity to transform a previously contaminated 2.1-acre lot into an urban park focused on art and music. In 2010, the need for a downtown park was identified as part of a larger Urban Design and Planning Charrette initiated by the City's Downtown Development Council. The future park will support the downtown business community, the North Village Arts District and will serve as green space for surrounding residents, visitors and three secondary educational institutions including the flagship campus of the University of Missouri.

In addition to green space, the reimagined public space will serve a broader purpose in supporting physical and social equity by reinforcing opportunities for economic growth and shared experiences. Planned project development phases will support sustained economic vitality including job creation, and increases to tax revenues, property values and retail activity.

The process of converting a brownfield site to a green oasis can be daunting for some communities but CPRD has extensive experience dealing with contaminated sites due to collaborative efforts with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Previously CPRD managed revitalization and development efforts for the brownfield property now known as Flat Branch Park. Flat Branch was a heavily contaminated dumpsite that

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now serves as the trailhead for the widely celebrated MKT Trail as well as one of Columbia's gateway parks. Additionally, partial funding for the development of a downtown park was included on a list of proposed projects on the City's most recent tax ballot. In 2021, Columbia citizens overwhelmingly supported the passage of a 10 year dedicated 1/8-cent renewable Park Sales Tax with 80% voting in favor. The tax ballot won in all of the City's six wards and all precincts showing the value of parks and the trust citizens have in Columbia Parks and Recreation. I am confident that the City of Columbia will experience a rewarding payoff with this project. Careful coordination of community input, civic stewardship, design vision and active programming will be the vital ingredients for a successful and inspired transformation of a brownfield site to a green oasis.

I believe this project is an excellent candidate for the Community Revitalization Grant Program. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my support and that of the City of Columbia to this very worthy and needed project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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City Manager
City of Columbia

November 14, 2022

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Monarch Jewelry
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of the Orr Street Park Development Project for consideration by the Missouri Department of Economic Development for the Community Revitalization Grant.

As a resident artist, business owner since 1984 and "unofficial mayor" of the North Village Arts District (NVAD), I have witnessed the arts and cultural scene in Columbia grow exponentially over the years. The NVAD is a vibrant arts community directly adjacent to the Orr Street property. Individual artists from surrounding towns and those housed at the NVAD are well connected to the community. We employ local citizens, purchase goods and services from our community and market and promote Columbia on a regional basis. The planned amenities with this project including open space, a performance stage and additional parking will provide added programming space and ease of access for customers and visitors to the area.

Arts and cultural organizations, and individual artists are resilient and entrepreneurial. As the economy rebounds from the COVID-19 pandemic, the arts are well poised for growth. Columbia artists are already producing new and exciting work – performances, exhibitions and festivals that entertain, inspire and attract large audiences including visitors to Columbia. The development of this park will provide space to showcase community art, attract more visitors to the NVAD and provide an economic boost for our area.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge you to support and fund Columbia Parks and Receptions grant application as proposed.

Sincerely,



Kenny Greene
Owner, Monarch Jewelry
Artist in the North Village Arts District



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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for Orr Street Park Development

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce (CCC), I am writing to express support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) Orr Street Park Development Project grant application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program.

The mission of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce is to lead our community, drive commerce in our region and advance community and regional collaborations, thereby enhancing the quality of where we live, learn, work and play.

The planned amenities for the Orr Street Development Project address four significant challenges important to our downtown and surrounding business members: 1) insufficient green space and tree canopy, 2) insufficient parking in the North Village Arts District, 3) economic revitalization of a former brownfield site, 4) continued economic prosperity for creative industries. CCC holds local arts and cultural organizations and businesses in high regard. The audiences drawn to art venues and cultural events bring economic benefits for other businesses like restaurants, transportation and lodging. Art and cultural venues provide jobs, attract investments and stimulate local economies through tourism, consumer purchases and tax revenue.

We know that Columbia's local businesses, employees and families are still feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the emotional, mental and financial stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are heartened by our local businesses and organizations in their resilience and commitment to helping others. We appreciate the intentional efforts of CPRD's Orr Street Development Project to support arts and cultural activities as a means to enhance Columbia's image as a destination for tourists, to help attract and retain businesses and to play an important role in economic revitalization and vibrancy of the North Village Arts District and surrounding neighborhoods.

I strongly urge your favorable consideration of CPRD's application. The Orr Street Park Development project will make a long-term impact on the community and businesses served by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt McCormick", is written over a white background.

Matt McCormick
President
Columbia Chamber of Commerce



November 14, 2022

Mike Nolan
The Blue Note/Rose Music Hall
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Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Columbia Parks and Recreation's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project as offered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

The Blue Note has been a staple of the arts and live entertainment in Columbia, and our state at large, since 1980. Rose Music Hall has been the same since 1999. In addition to promoting concerts from recognizable touring artists, our venues are deeply ingrained in the local music, art, and culture of our city.

When the pandemic hit in 2020, it took a grave toll on our business. While almost every industry was negatively impacted by the pandemic, it was especially detrimental to the live entertainment industry. In 2020 we had a revenue loss of \$2,239,529. In 2021 we had a revenue shortfall of \$1,003,214, even with live events returning midway through the year. We were fortunate enough to receive some funding from the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant to the sum of \$529,463. However, that still left us with \$2,713,308 in lost revenue over the course of 2020 and 2021. Our venues produce a summer concert series by the name of "Downtown Summerfest." Some of these concerts take place on 9th St. in front of The Blue Note. This concert footprint allows us a capacity that is 4x the size of The Blue Note's capacity, and we produce 2-6 shows on 9th St. every year. These shows absolutely make an entire year for us and losing the opportunity to produce those events during the pandemic was by far the biggest detriment to our business.

When the possible development of the Orr Street Park was brought to our attention, we immediately lauded the idea of this project. The impact it would have on our city, and downtown

area, is immense given the fact that it has been a vacant hideous tract of land for so long. Additionally, our business could benefit greatly from the opportunity to relocate Downtown Summerfest to this park. Our initial rough estimates place total revenues from one show between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and combined state, county, city, and district taxes at around \$20,000. From just one event. If we were able to produce this concert series at Orr St Park, we would make up for our lost pandemic revenue much quicker than we had originally estimated, and everyone in our community would benefit. Additionally, it would alleviate strain put on 9th St businesses, where we produce the series currently. While we go out of our way to make it abundantly clear that businesses are still open during our street closure, those concerts have an impact on the neighboring businesses, especially those that don't sell food or drink.

Lastly, we'd like to point out the economic impact concerts at Orr St Park could have on other businesses. There's no question that concerts in Columbia produce tourism revenue. People travel from neighboring towns, the large cities in our state, and even from out of state to see the shows we produce. Hotels, restaurants, drinking establishments, retail stores, and art galleries all get large amounts of business before and after the shows we produce. Our rough estimates put the concert capacity for this park at 1.5 – 2x larger than the capacity on 9th St. Shows in this park would have an economic impact on our city that we haven't seen in the 15+ years this series has been produced.

The amenities planned for Orr Street Park include open space, a performance area, public art installments, play structures and additional parking near the North Village Arts District. A well-designed outdoor music environment services diverse users, accentuates natural attributes of the outdoor setting and provides opportunities for social gatherings.

Columbia has a vibrant music scene where places like clubs, street corners and festivals have become an intrinsic part of the downtown experience for locals and visitors. The COVID-19 pandemic heavily affected Columbia's music scene and other entertainment venues. Many independent, small music venues worldwide are still struggling to keep afloat. Live music improves the quality of life for a community. Music engages the senses, ignites creativity and imagination, and spurs meaningful interactions improving the physical and emotional health of all ages. In this post-COVID era, we need to safeguard the cultural heritage of the live music industry by supporting existing and developing entertainment spaces, events and the communities served.

I appreciate the intentional effort of the Orr Street Development Project to support the creative industries including musicians and small entertainment venues. For these reasons stated, I support the Orr Street Park Development Project as proposed by Columbia Parks and Recreation and encourage you to fund their grant application as written.

Sincerely,



Mike Nolan
Market Director – FPC Live, The Blue Note, and Rose Music Hall

**Scott Wilson, Chair
Downtown Leadership Council
City of Columbia
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As Chair of the City of Columbia's Downtown Leadership Council (DLC), this letter serves to fully endorse Columbia Parks and Recreation's application for a Community Revitalization Grant as it pertains to the Orr Street Development Project to help transform a former Brownfield cleanup site into a public greenspace..

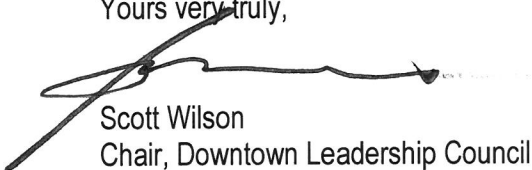
The DLC reviews the boundaries of the expanded downtown development concept plan and study area and recommends possible development guidelines and physical attributes for downtown Columbia. The nine-member board consists of the Community Development staff, Director of Economic Development and appointees of the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Boone County Commission, local institutes of higher education, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Downtown Community Improvement District.

In May of 2009, the Downtown Leadership Council and the City of Columbia released a report which focused on urban design as crucial to any future vision for Downtown Columbia. These efforts resulted in the implementation of the 2010 Downtown Urban Design Charrette, which synthesized previous planning efforts in bringing together diverse voices of the community and a consensus vision for the future of Columbia's downtown core. Based on the results of the Charrette and the subsequent report, the proposed park master plan for this project parallels the facilities needed to support open space, cultural arts, vendor markets, fee based parking areas and other traditional and non-traditional amenities.

Since that time, the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council has had ongoing discussions recommending the acquisition and development of the site as a very much-needed public space in the central City.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile project. The development of the Orr Street Park property will transform a former Brownfield cleanup site into a vibrant greenspace that will support downtown businesses, promote art and music in our community, and create a gathering space for our citizens.

Yours very truly,



Scott Wilson
Chair, Downtown Leadership Council



Regional Economic Development Inc.

November 21, 2022

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION – ORR STREET PARK

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Regional Economic Development Inc. (REDI), this letter demonstrates our support of the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant with the Department of Economic Development for the Orr Street Development Project.

REDI supports this initiative as it aligns well with REDI's mission which is to assist in the creation of quality job opportunities that support upward economic mobility for the residents of Columbia and Boone County. The amenities proposed in their application also support REDI's 2021-2024 Strategic Plan which identifies a course toward an inclusive economy that boasts more opportunities for all and positions our community as an in-demand place for talent and businesses to thrive.

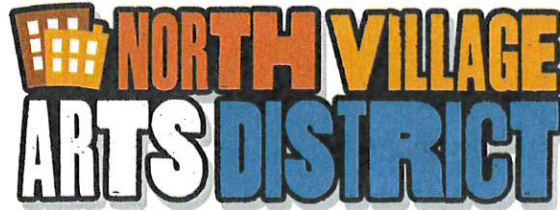
The Orr Street Development Project will offer an outdoor stage, food truck plaza, themed playground and open space for arts and cultural activities, all of which will attract tourists and residents alike from within and around the community offering an opportunity for measurable economic impact. The arts and cultural industries provide jobs, attract visitors, and increase tax revenues, not to mention prepare workers to participate in the contemporary workforce and unlike most other industries, art and cultural events induce large amounts of related spending by their audiences thus contributing to the economic success of other sectors. Promoting Columbia/Boone County's strong quality of life, including arts, culture and outdoor recreation amenities, is key to attracting talent from other markets.

We believe the development of the Orr Street property near the Downtown North Village Arts District encourages a cluster of economic opportunity focused on creativity which provides both a competitive and creative edge which go hand-in-hand to support economic prosperity. Thank you for your consideration, and we encourage funding of this project as part of the Community Revitalization Grant.

Sincerely,



Stacey Button, President
Regional Economic Development Inc.



Tootie Burns
North Village Arts District
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November 20, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for Orr Street Park Development

To Whom It May Concern:

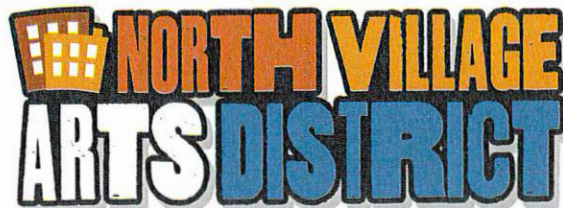
This letter is in support of the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application concerning the Community Revitalization Grant Program for the development of the Orr Street Park property. The North Village Arts District (NVAD) is a geographic area located in the northeast area of downtown Columbia. NVAD is home to studios, galleries, gift shops, a recording studio, salons, restaurants, theatres, offices, apartments, coffee shops, bars and much more. Our area has proudly developed entertainment opportunities, children's programming, lectures, art shows, a Farmers and Artisans Market and a First Friday Gallery Crawl. All these events were significantly curtailed when the COVID 19 pandemic hit in early 2020. We estimate from previous crowd counts that NVAD lost the opportunity to serve over 12,000 patrons just from our monthly First Friday event alone. The shutdown of First Friday in 2020 and 2021 denied dozens of artists, performers, and musicians the ability to show and sell their work, hold events and seminars, and provide free programming to the public. The negative impact was significant in both the economic and community outreach areas, and more that a dozen studios and businesses closed due to the pandemic.

Specific programming affected included:

*Loss of the ability to put on children's events including Orr St. Studios Second Saturday for Kids, a free art afternoon that served hundreds of children.

*Art, music, and dance lessons given by NVAD artists to children, as well as free weekly Tai Chi Lessons for adults. These events allow us to showcase the arts to hundreds of children and support local businesses, artisans and musicians.

*In-person openings and showings and performances at over 30 locations.



For over a decade NVAD has worked to support the redevelopment of the Ameren site. Plans for Children's art activities, musicians, an outdoor First Friday venue, children's play space and outdoor retreat for our urban location have been imagined. Our area serves a variety of populations who would benefit from this green space that will be developed as a downtown park. NVAD is committed to supporting the park in any way that we can by providing entertainment opportunities, art and music programming, art shows and other performance opportunities. I strongly urge you to support Columbia Parks and Recreation's proposal for improvements to Douglass Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tootie Burns
President
North Village Arts District



Michael L. Parson
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Director

November 16, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for Orr Street Park Development

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) Orr Street Park Development Project grant application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program.

The Orr Street site was enrolled in the Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Program by its former owner, AmerenUE, for oversight of remediation of the former manufactured gas plant (FMGP) facilities that existed on the site from the late 1800s until the 1930s. The coal tar residues that were present at the site were typical of Missouri FMGP sites, a number of which have been remediated under the oversight of MDNR or EPA. Following the removal of 30,000 tons of tar-saturated soil, debris and underground structures, a few small areas of tar-stained soil remain at the site. This is not uncommon at FMGP sites, where large excavations may reach boundaries such as a public street or building foundation. The controlled areas in this case are at depths up to 20 ft below ground, where they pose no exposure risk if left in place.

The site has appropriate land use restrictions and a post-closure management plan in place to guide future use and development. The City of Columbia has reached out to our office to ensure that the design for the Orr Street Park would be in full compliance with the restrictions and management plans. We are confident that the reuse of the site will be acceptable and safe.

The western parcel of the plant, across Orr St., was cleaned up by AmerenUE in 1994. That site is now home to the downtown fire station. The eastern parcel is similarly ready for reuse and redevelopment.

This property is in the heart of Columbia, adjacent to the city's nascent North Village Arts District, and can serve as a hub for arts and music, as well as green space for citizens and visitors to the downtown area. In light of the boom in high-rise apartment construction in Columbia in recent years, green space is needed more than ever.



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The site is also along the corridor between downtown and Columbia College to the north, as well as the former industrial district to the northeast, which is itself becoming a hotbed of redevelopment and reuse. The site will provide connectivity between these districts and downtown Columbia.

The process of converting a brownfield site to a green oasis can be daunting, but the payoff is immense. This investment in restoration, tree planting and green space will make improvements to the ecological health and vibrancy of the public space.

The Department supports this grant application, as we have seen firsthand the value of transforming brownfield sites into public amenities.

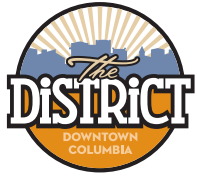
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Huckstep
Chief
Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Section
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's application for a Community Revitalization Grant for the Orr Street Park Development Project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The District, Downtown CID's Board of Directors, I enthusiastically endorse Columbia Parks and Recreation's Community Revitalization Grant application for the Orr Street Park Development Project as offered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

The District is a political subdivision created to support our businesses and properties through beautification, clean and safe programs, marketing, and events. Governed by a board of fifteen, we seek to bring help in all areas that help to grow our businesses and development.

Proposed development and future amenities to Orr Street Park align with the District's objectives and community based activities including those focused on economic development and history preservation. We believe the Orr Street Park Development Project will help increase access and foster collaboration among artists, creative organizations, retail businesses, local government and individual citizens in the community. This project will enhance the existing character of the eclectic composition of The District and the North Village Art District with the creation of an outdoor central gathering space, the continued expansion of public art venues, and opportunities for passive and active recreation.

Access to safe and well-maintained parks and programming is a driver of a more livable and equitable community providing environmental, social and economic benefits. Investment in parks – through improved infrastructure, community engagement, and other place-based strategies – can also address long-standing social and economic divides.

I applaud Columbia Parks and Recreation for their nature-based solution in revitalizing a brownfield redevelopment into an urban park with a primary focus on open space and community arts. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile project and grant application opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nickie Davis
Executive Director



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November 21, 2022

Missouri Department of Economic Development
Community Revitalization Grant Program
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: City of Columbia, MO Letter of Support for the Missouri Department of Economic
Development Community Revitalization Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of my constituents, I write this letter to express my support for the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department's (CPRD) application for the Community Revitalization Grant Program for improvements to the Orr Street Park property located in downtown Columbia.

The Orr Street Park property is a 2.1-acre parcel of land that was previously owned by Ameren UE. It has undergone extensive environmental cleanup and was purchased by the City of Columbia to be developed into an urban park. The park development will focus on providing greenspace for residents in a dense population area of Columbia that also includes multiple businesses that would benefit from the redevelopment of the former brownfield cleanup site. The proposed park is located in the North Village Arts District and will have a focus on the promotion of arts and music through permanent art installations, rotating art, live music, social spaces and opportunities for passive recreation. This new park development will create opportunities for outdoor concerts, special events and community gatherings that will support surrounding local businesses and bring visitors to Columbia on a weekly basis.

Access to safe and well-maintained parks is a driver of a more livable community providing environmental, social and economic benefits for a community. I fully support CPRD's application for the Community Revitalization Grant for the development of the Orr Street Park property.

Sincerely,

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Vicky Hartzler
Member of Congress MO-04