

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Date: June 30, 2020

To: Mayor Davies and Members of the Monmouth City Council

From: Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator

RE: Façade Grant – J.B.'s Woodshed

Becky Shearer, Owner of J.B.'s Woodshed has applied for a Monmouth Façade Program grant to improve the appearance of her business establishment located at 110 East 1st Avenue in the downtown. Attached is the completed grant application along with a schematic depicting the storefront improvements envisioned by the owner. These improvements include removal of the covering over the transom area and replacing this with windows to match the original storefront, replacing the current awning with a new one, replacing the lower plywood area under the awning with brick, and enlarging the window area in the lower half with new and larger windows. The total cost of this façade improvement project is \$16,700 and has been reviewed and recommended by members of the Façade Committee. The owner has previously already invested close to \$76,000 in renovating this building in the recent past.

Under the City's Façade Program guidelines, this project would qualify for a 50% matching grant up to a maximum of \$7,500 and the Administration would so recommend this level of funding as a reimbursement once the project has been completed, inspected, and invoice payment documented.

Thank you.

City of Monmouth Facade Program Matching Grant Application

Property

Name of Building:	J. B.'s Woodshed, lpc
Address:	110 E. 1st Ave, Monmouth
Date of Construction:	
Current Use(s):	Tavern

Property Owner

Name:	Becky L Shearer
Phone Number:	309-224-9290
Mailing Address:	110 E. 1st Ave, Monmouth
Email:	Woodshedthe@yahoo.com

Proposed Facade Improvement Type

Entry or window restoration	X
Restoration of historic architectural features	X
Exterior painting	X
Exterior masonry restoration	X
Awning installation or repair	X
Sign and/or lighting	X
Removal of false front	NO
Improvement of closed-over upper windows	X
Upper facade/roof-line restoration	NO
Other (please specify below)	

Other improvement: _____

Project Details

Budget for project (owner and grant funds): \$16,700. -

Please Describe Project (attach additional sheet if necessary):

Remove wood off upper windows instal new windows exactly matching size and style of original. Re-work metal cornice work. Remove metal covering old windows & Install new windows to match existing. Instal new windows in front of building (lower half). Instal new Commercial door in front of building

Please include one or more photos of existing facade, plus a sketch of proposed improvements.

I, (print name) Becky L Shearer submit that these are the terms of my proposed facade improvement project as I understand them to be at this time. My signature also certifies that I have read and understand the guidelines of this matching grant program.

Applicant's signature: *Becky L Shearer* Date: 6-22-20

_____ For Committee Use Only _____

Application Received (date):	<u>JUNE 22, 2020</u>
Initial Review Meeting scheduled (date):	<u>VIA EMAILS</u>
Committee Review Results:	<u>FAVORABLE</u>
Restoration Consultant Report Rcvd (date):	<u>N/A</u>
Final Committee an Owner Approval:	<u>Approval Recommended</u>
City Council Action:	<u>JULY 6, 2020</u>
Job Begun (permit issuance date):	
Job completed:	
Check Disbursed:	



