



Legislation Text

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TO: CRA Board of Commissioners
FROM: Elizabeth Burrows, Economic Development Manager
THROUGH: Jeff Costello, CRA Executive Director
DATE: August 15, 2018

PAINT-UP & SIGNAGE PROGRAM FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - ROBES LAW GROUP, PLLC (117 NE 5TH AVENUE)

Recommended Action:

Approve funding under the Paint-Up & Signage Program for Robes Law Group, PLLC for the proposed exterior signage improvement project located at 117 NE 5th Avenue, for an amount not to exceed \$4,271.68.

Background:

Mr. Thomas Robes is the owner and principle attorney at Robes Law Group, PLLC. The firm provides legal services for personal injury clients in the 4,750 square-foot office space located at 117 NE 5th Avenue, in Sub-Area #2 of the CRA District. Mr. Robes originally brought his law practice to Delray Beach in 2011 as a partner in the Bogani & Robes, PLLC law firm. Although the partnership ended in early 2018, Mr. Robes has kept his practice, including 11 employees, in its current location, with a current lease term through the end of February 2021.

Because the office faces a busy one-way thoroughfare, signage is critical to helping current and prospective clients locate the firm. The current sign on the western façade of the building bears the name of the former Bogani & Robes practice and needs to be replaced. To help with the cost of the project, Robes Law Group, PLLC has applied for the Paint-Up & Signage Program, which funds 50% of the cost of eligible exterior painting and signage improvements to commercial buildings and multifamily properties within the CRA District, up to \$5,000.

As required by program guidelines, the applicant has submitted two bids for their proposed sign, the lower of which estimates a project cost of \$8,543.36. As such, the law firm is eligible for an award amount not to exceed \$4,271.68. If approved, the CRA may pay the sign company directly after the project is complete, upon verifying that the Robes Law Group has paid for their portion of the project. Alternately, the Robes Law Group may opt to pay for the full cost of the signage project and then be reimbursed by the CRA.

A Paint-Up & Signage award for Robes Law Group, PLLC will help further the CRA's mission by supporting a commercial property improvement project by an office user in CRA Sub-Area #2 of the CRA District, thereby supporting high-value jobs, business activity and the growth of the non-residential tax base in Delray Beach.

Attachments: Exhibit A - Location Map; Exhibit B - Funding Assistance Detail Sheet; Exhibit C - Application Form; Exhibit D - Cost Estimates; Exhibit E - Signage Rendering; Exhibit F - Photos of Existing Conditions

CRA Attorney Review:

N/A

Finance Review:

N/A

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

\$4,271.68 allocated from General Ledger #7308 - Grant Programs - Paint-Up Assistance Grants

Timing of Request:

N/A