

City of Dunnellon  
Agenda Summary Form

**Meeting Date:** August 8, 2022

1. Responsible Department: Community Development
2. Presenter: Georgina Cid
3. Recommended Action: Approval to submit grant request

**Subject:** T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application – Due by October 1, 2022 i/a/o \$50,000

**Request for Approval Summary Explanation & Background:**

T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow. Quarterly, they are giving grants to 25 small towns to support community projects such as town hall revitalization.

It is Community Development's recommendation that we request this grant to redo our roof and request a study from Kimley-Horn to deep dive into what is the integrity of the City Hall building structure and what would it take to harden and enhance this existing structure so that it could potentially withstand a second floor in the near future. Part of the proceeds of this grant would help in developing this study which could be used for future grants to build a beautiful community center with railings all around featuring our beautiful river/marina for special events, which will generate income to our City.

The building will need to be retrofitted by strengthening the foundation and will need excavating, cleaning and roughening the concrete surface, installing dowels at 25-30 cm spacing in both directions using an appropriate epoxy material and fastening the new steel bars with dowels using steel wires, etc. We need to identify what is necessary and part of this grant will serve that purpose.

As part of our economic development strategy to promote Community Development, please authorize staff to submit this grant request to T-Mobile Hometown Grant Division.

**Procurement Method:** N/A

**Fiscal Information:** Funding of \$50,000 grant to the City

**Attorney Review:** N/A

## City of Dunnellon Grant Process Checklist

**Project Description:** T-Mobile Hometown Grant – revitalization efforts of small towns  
**Granting Agency or Organization:** T-Mobile

**Total Grant Requested:** \$50,000

**City Match:** \$0

**Source of City Match:** N/A

**Background:** T-Mobile is committing up to \$25 million over the next 5 years to support small towns with populations under 50,000 across America by funding community projects.

**All grant information obtained and confirmed.**

This is not yet complete. The following items are required for submission to T-Mobile.

Full proposal should be three (3) to five (5) pages. Should include, but is not limited to:

- Detailed description of project to be evaluated by an internal TMO panel and nonprofit organization(s)
- Detailed budget, including breakdown of budget line items
- Timeline
- "Shovel ready" plan, with:
  - Outline of expected town outcomes, demonstrating how the project or strategy will lead to the anticipated result/change
  - Details on permits needed/obtained, if applicable, to begin work upon receipt of funds
  - Any additional companies/business partnerships to be contracted for the work
  - Up to 5 letters of support from local government and/or community organizations, partners or members, demonstrating community alignment, engagement, and consensus for the proposed project.

**Availability of grant funds confirmed.**

Yes, up to \$50,000 per town.

**All obligations, constraints and performance requirements identified:**

**Additional funding requirements identified as follows:**

None

**Performance conditions stated:**

Funds projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces such as town halls.

**Any additional cost to City?**

No

**Timelines established, deadlines identified, start and end dates established?**

Applications will be open on a quarterly basis. Portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month. All Hometown Grant applications will be notified 30-60 days after the end of each quarter on the status of the submission.

**Cost estimates by competent sources.**

Not yet available

**Ref: Resolution 02-1**

**All grants requiring matching funds from City, or over \$25,000, must be presented to City Council for approval to continue.**

**All project and grant management activities are to be carried out by City staff.**

**Prepared By:** Georgina Cid

**Date Prepared:** August 4, 2022