

**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA SUPPLEMENT**

Item Number:

Agenda Topic: Consideration of Resolution 05-36 Preserve America Grant Application
For Agenda of:

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Exhibits Attached: Resolution 05-36

Summary

The City of Gardiner was designated a Preserve America community in late October this year. Gardiner is now one of two Preserve America communities in the state (other is Camden). Now that we are designated, the City is eligible to apply for grant funding for a variety of activities, including planning under this federal program.

Match for the grant is 1:1, can fund up to \$150,000, and projects can take up to two years to complete.

After reviewing optional projects that fit within goals of the City, it was decided to pursue funding for the next planning phase for Johnson Hall. The deadline to apply is December 16th.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City apply for a Preserve America grant to help fund costs associated with architectural design and organizational development. Organizational development is needed to base the design, in which the community can support. Architecture schematics are estimated to cost \$130,000. Organizational development will include establishing a program for tax credits and other development planning. The city will provide a total in-kind match, valued at \$25,000 over the course of two fiscal years. Actual dollars used in the match will be provided by Johnson Hall, Inc. It is recommended that the Council approve the resolution 05-36 and apply for the full amount of funding available, \$150,000.