

PROJECT

Old Town Bar & Grill, Outdoor Seating

JUSTIFICATION

Why

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- To adapt to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and continued Oregon Health Authority recommendations and restrictions on business operations, and
- To support a business owned by local residents (100%). 50% ownership of the company is by a Newberg resident who is also a Veteran, and
- To support a business that was previously closed and in disrepair. We have made a substantial investment in tenant improvements and have a vested interest in the business succeeding, and,
- To develop additional outdoor dining capacity in Newberg for the Summer of 2022 and to serve the downtown Newberg neighborhood, and
- To develop what is currently an unused and unsightly lot into something aesthetically pleasing, welcoming, and capable of contributing to the local economy, and
- To provide a safer environment for workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and
- To provide a safer environment for guests wanting to dine in Newberg, and
- To create new permanent jobs in Newberg, and
- To support a business that is welcoming to visitors and locals with diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds.

How

By developing outdoor open-air dining in the vacant lot on the south side of Old Town Bar & Grill. A long-term lease secures the lot by Old Town Bar & Grill. The dining area will be open year-round, and Old Town Bar & Grill is open 7-days per week, providing maximum availability to customers.

Cost

\$75,000

- Architectural design and engineering
- Removal of existing concrete
- Excavation
- Installation of appropriate drainage
- Installation of pavers
- Installation of patio cover
- Installation of suitable barriers and access control to comply with State regulations
- Installation of appropriate utilities to service the new dining area

Duration

Anticipated completion by June 30, 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY

The funding we are requesting pays for design and construction. Revenue from normal business activities will fund the new permanent jobs resulting from the project. Additional cooks, bartenders, and waitstaff will be required to serve the area year-round.

A local contractor and associated professional staff will complete this project.

Additional outdoor dining options in Newberg will provide residents with more options for safely gathering in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

ARPA Expenditure Categories

2.11*, 2.12, 2.0

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January 19, 2022

City of Newberg

Attn: Will Worthey, City Manager Pro-Tem

414 E First Street

Newberg, OR 97132

Dear Mr. Worthey and Budget Committee Members,

Old Town Bar & Grill requests \$75,000 to construct an outdoor open-air dining facility adjacent (Southwest side) of the establishment located at 315 E First Street. This request fits under your giving area for the ARPA grants as the proposed dining area is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as a mitigation effort, supported by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to minimize exposure and provide a safer environment for essential workers.

A new outdoor dining area will provide an additional option for social distancing between patrons, which is proven to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Patrons are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 outdoors vs. indoors and when physical distance is in place. With a particularly aggressive variant wreaking havoc on small businesses, we are once again seeing the importance of prevention.

The project will have a positive economic impact in Newberg with the anticipated creation of at least four to six permanent jobs. A local contractor will facilitate construction and source materials locally to the extent possible.

The Tree Fort, Inc (doing business as Old Town Bar & Grill) applied for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, in part, to facilitate this project. Despite the Small Business Administration accepting our application, funding was exhausted, and we did not receive the funds many other restaurants received.

I appreciate your consideration of our request. I will follow up with you next week to answer any questions. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or want to visit the site, please feel free to contact me.



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Enclosure: ARPA Submission