

RESOLUTION NO. 10-473

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT TO THE CITY  
OF PORT ARTHUR FOR EXTERIOR RENOVATION TO  
THE POLICE AND COURT FACILITY UNDER THE  
OPERATION DOWNTOWN SITE IMPROVEMENT  
GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, on May 9, 2009, a ballot proposition was presented to and approved by the qualified voters in the City of Port Arthur, Texas (the "City") for the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation (the "PAEDC") to utilize Section 4A sales and use tax funds for "the cost of demolition of dilapidated structures and infrastructure limited to streets and roads, rail spurs, water and sewer utilities, electric and gas utilities, drainage, site improvements and related improvements necessary to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises within a project area from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the Intracoastal Canal and from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Lake Charles Avenue within the City"; said authority limited to the PAEDC's expenditure of not more than \$750,000 per year for said projects (the "Ballot Proposition"); and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Mark Blanton, on behalf of the Police Department of the City, has submitted an Application for funding of exterior renovations to the Port Arthur Police Department, Municipal Court Facility and Downtown Fire Station in accordance with the Application attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** (the "Application") and made a part hereof for all purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2010, the Board of Directors of the PAEDC considered and approved funding the Application of the City Police Department in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of exterior renovations as outlined in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2010, the City Council did not approve funding the Application because they felt that the City could provide the funding instead; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2010, the City Council approved authorizing Police Chief Mark Blanton to reapply for a grant under the Operation Downtown Site Improvement Grant Program for the exterior renovations to the Port Arthur Police Department, Municipal Court Facility and Downtown Fire Station, per Resolution 10-395; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 2010, the Board of Directors of the PAEDC considered and approved funding the Application of the City in the amount of \$250,000 again for the purpose of exterior renovations as outlined in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available during fiscal year 2010-2011 from the funds allocated in the Ballot Proposition for improvements outlined in the Application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:**

**Section 1.** That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

**Section 2.** That the PAEDC is hereby authorized to allocate \$250,000 of funds from the Ballot Proposition for fiscal year 2010-2011 to fund the exterior renovations under the Application submitted by the Police Department for the City, Municipal Court Facility and Downtown Fire Station Police Department and Court Facility.

**Section 3.** That a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

**READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D., 2010, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

Mayor Prince

Councilmembers Chatman, Segler, and Henderson.

NOES: Councilmember Beard

Deloris Prince  
Deloris "Bobbie" Prince, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri Bellard  
Sherri Bellard, Acting City Secretary

APPROVED:

Floyd Batiste  
Floyd Batiste, PAEDC CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Guy N. Goodson  
Guy N. Goodson, PAEDC Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Val Tizeno  
Valecia R. Tizeno, City Attorney

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

**OPERATION DOWNTOWN  
Site Improvement Grant Program  
Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Is the applicant a: Corporation Partnership Proprietorship Individual

Name of Applicant: d/b/a  
City of Port Arthur

Mailing Address:  
P O Box 1089, Port Arthur, TX 77641

Contact Name: Mark Blanton Title: Chief of Police  
Telephone: Work Home (409) 983-8611 Email: mblanton@portarthurpd.com  
Type of Business: Police Department

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

The Port Arthur Downtown Revitalization Target Area: Yes

Street address of property to be Improved: 645 4th Street

Legal Description: Lot Block Tax Account No tax exempt

Does the applicant own or lease the property. own

If leasing, please include copy of lease agreement and letter of approval from owner.

Is the property currently: occupied X vacant \_\_\_ If vacant, when will property be occupied (date) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the current and proposed use of the property?  
police department

How many **full time** employees, if any, does the business currently employ?  
163

Do you anticipate hiring additional employees after the proposed improvements are complete? Yes \_\_\_ No X

If so, how many more?

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Description of Site Improvements and related improvements including improvements to facade:

Police and Fire Building is going to be remodeled along with the Municipal Court. Funding is available for interior design and remodeling. Requesting funding for exterior renovations.

Estimated total cost of project: \$2,246,511.00 (Attach Project Budget form)

Grant funds are available from \$2550,000 to \$250,000 per eligible property.

When does the project need to begin? 11/1/10 Estimated time to complete 11/1/11.  
(Date)

job? 365  
(# of days)

**NOTE: Work must not start prior to contract execution.**

Attach:

1. Recent photos of the property (**required**)
2. Budget and supporting estimates (**required**)
3. Copy of lease and/or letter from property owner granting approval (if applicable)
4. Drawings or renderings that convey concept (if available)
5. Paint chips, color board or other samples (if available)

*I certify that work has not started nor have I entered into any contract with any contractor for work to be covered under this grant application. I also understand that I will have to sign an agreement with the City of Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation to be approved by the City of Port Arthur regarding this grant award; a maintenance covenant will be filed to insure that the improvements will be maintained.*

Applicant signature  Date 9/24/10

Applicant printed name Mark Blanton