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UEA closes Enterprise Zone Grant Application

La Porte, IN – The Urban Enterprise Association (UEA) is announcing that the acceptance of business grant applications for the remainder of 2021 are being suspended through the end of the calendar year. The success and demand for these transformational grants has been overwhelming. We want to thank those in the community who have taken time to invest in their buildings and property to revitalize our zone and community.

The UEA set aside a budget of \$120,000 for these grants to be utilized for improvements to building exteriors throughout the zone. The funds are used for projects including windows, signage, awnings, general exterior improvements, and grease traps for restaurants. The grease traps have helped keep restaurants maintain compliance with city codes by helping decrease improper waste and assist in keeping the towns water lines free from excess grease.

There have also been several projects to make the Enterprise Zone modern and more aesthetically pleasing. This includes investing in our zone parks, making a direct impact in code enforcement, replacing local sidewalks, investments to attract new companies to our zone, and grants to local homeowners. “We can’t express enough how successful the programs have been in our zone the past several years. We intend to continue our efforts to make the biggest impact to our zone residents and businesses as well as the greater community.” said Mike Riehle, President of the La Porte Urban Enterprise Association.

For more information please contact Tom Casey (219)362-8260 or attend

Urban Enterprise Association Meetings

4:00 PM

Every third Wednesday of each month

Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Michigan Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

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The mission of the La Porte Urban Enterprise Association is to be a comprehensive economic and community development organization that fosters new investments, partnerships, job creation, and redevelopment of the enterprise zone. The La Porte Urban Enterprise Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which serves as the governing body of the La Porte Urban Enterprise zone. The Association acts as a liaison among Zone residents, businesses, and the City of La Porte for any development activity and programs that affect the zone and its residents