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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
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Subject: Additional FIX-IT Façade Grants

Date: 3-25-14

The Main Street Program receives funding from Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds for the purpose of promoting historic preservation downtown. Twenty-two (22) blocks of downtown Seguin are listed as a Commercial Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. These HOT funds are used for the FIX-IT Façade Grant program which provides an incentive for property owners to fix and restore the exterior of their downtown property. In addition to the HOT funds, there are monies allocated in the City of Seguin General Fund. Except for \$4,675 all of these funds for the current fiscal year were allocated in January.

FIX-IT Façade Grants can be awarded at **up to** 50% of the cost of the approved improvements with the total award being based on the number of projects funded and the total dollars available to award. It is a reimbursement grant, meaning that the property owner pays for the improvements and then can be reimbursed for the work once it is complete.

Two new requests for FIX-IT Façade Grants have been received. At a meeting held Monday, March 24, the Main Street Advisory Board recommended awarding both applications as indicated.

- **207 W. Donegan Street.** Remove vines, prep, repair and paint surface.
 - Recommended award: \$500
- **203 S. Crockett Street.** Repair upper story screens and replace broken glass. Prep, prime and paint exterior of Magnolia Hotel.
 - Recommended award: \$4,175

Staff is recommending approval.