

## **Sedro-Woolley Community Development Grant Program**

### *Application*

**Date of Application:** 10/17/2023

**Full Legal Name (Organization):** Tight Lies, LLC.

**Applicant Mailing Address:** 143 Three Firs Lane, Sequim, WA 98382

**Project Physical Address:** 829 Metcalf Street

**Phone Number:** (425) 356-7650

**Primary Contact:** Robert Stiles

**Website (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** r2stiles@gmail.com

**Grant Amount Requested** (maximum \$5,000 per nonprofit and \$10,000 per business): \$ 9,231.00

**Optional Matching Funds:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Grant Eligibility Requirements:**

- Businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funds
- Businesses must possess and active City of Sedro-Woolley business license, if required by law
- Applications must be approved prior to the project start date
- Maximum funding limit is \$5,000 per nonprofit, or \$10,000 per business
- National franchises are not eligible
- Improvements must be made to a public-facing area.
- Projects will be vetted for completeness by City staff, may go to the Arts Commission for recommendation to the City Council, and will be subject to a public advisory vote. The City Council will make the final decision on whether to fund a project.
- Once funded, grants will be reimbursement grants. One exception is for projects greater than \$20,000 in total. Those projects can have their city-eligible funds reimbursed when they are more than 50% complete.

**Proposal** - provide an explanation of the project including who/what/where/when/why, attach at least three photos of the area/areas needing improvement (500 words or less):

Tight Lies, LLC is the owner of the iconic building on the corner of Metcalf and State streets. As owners, we are responsible for the exterior maintenance of the structure.

In 1915 this building housed the Sedro-Woolley JC Penney department store. After JC Penney closed in 1983, numerous businesses have used the building to provide goods and services to the Sedro-Woolley community.

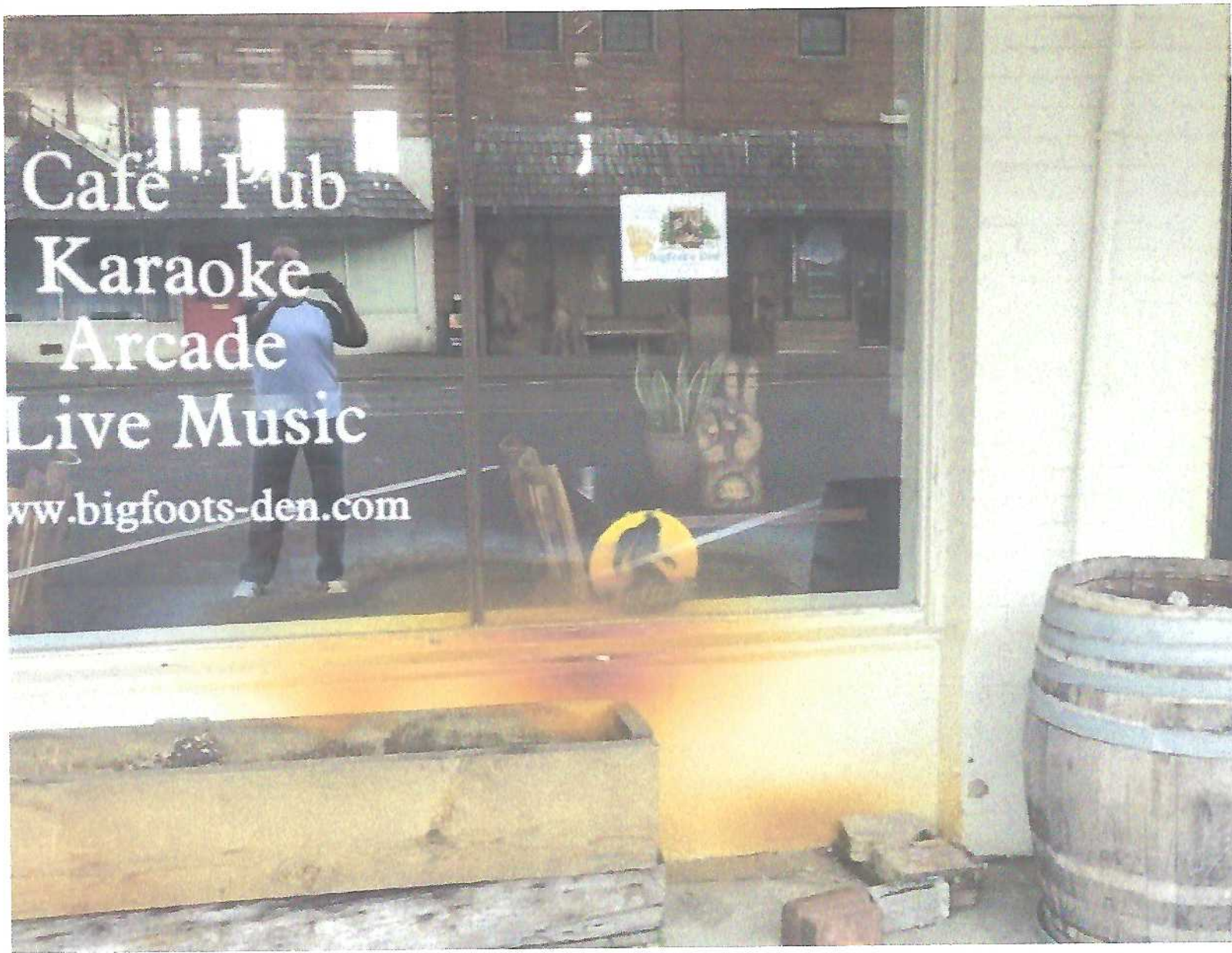
In most recent years the building has been known to the Sedro-Woolley community as the Woolley Market. Currently, Bigfoot's Den is soon to be operating a family-friendly business of food, games, and live entertainment.

With the face of the property located on two main streets, the building is visual to both locals in the community and visitors to the downtown area. A renovation of the exterior will maintain the historical nature and the over-all aesthetics of this cornerstone building that is the hub of the city.

Over time the awning, gutter, and drainage systems have failed. As the photos reveal, these failed systems resulted in staining to the building and paint deterioration. As part of our investment to improve the exterior, we recently had the awning inspected as well as the gutter and drainage system inspected, cleaned, and repaired. The systems appear to be functioning properly at this time to avoid future damage.

The building is in need of a face-lift to restore its historical appearance. Our proposal for this grant is to hire a professional painting contractor with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience to refurbish the exterior of the building. Our objective is to restore the essence of this historical Sedro-Woolley landmark.

We plan to maintain the body color of the building with a light, white tone however we are discussing the possibility of changing the red accent color to a dark gray or black.



Cafe Pub  
Karaoke  
Arcade  
Live Music  
www.bigfoots-den.com









**Budget** – provide a line-item budget, including information and amounts of any outside funding sources:

\$9231.00            Estimate from our selected painting contractor.

**Impact** – discuss how your project will directly or indirectly increase tax revenues in Sedro-Woolley (250 words or less):

The building has been vacant of a tenant for a period of time over the past couple of years. The current tenant is soon to be opening a new business. People are initially drawn to a business through the appearance of the exterior. A face-lift to the exterior of the building provides a welcoming aesthetic to the community. A successful business will generate tax revenues for the city of Sedro-Woolley.

**Background** – provide any additional background information you feel is relevant, including an artist rendering of your project (250 words or less, an art attachment is strongly encouraged):

Tight Lies LLC was formed by Robert Stiles and Eric Johnson to invest in the Sedro-Woolley community. Robert was born and raised in Sedro-Woolley and still has strong family ties to the community. Eric is a long-time resident of Sedro-Woolley and an involved community member. Tight Lies LLC has had the vision to improve the appearance of the building for a while, but suffered set-backs due to Covid and circumstances that impacted our ability to maintain a long-term tenant. Bigfoot's Den is the current tenant and has the energy and vision to maintain a thriving family-friendly business. We desire to assist this business to get a fresh start in this historical and iconic building.

**Authorization**

I, (print name) Robert Stiles the (print title, if applicable) Co-Owner  
of (print organization name, if applicable) TightLies, LLC

have approved the submission of this proposal.

If I/we receive a grant, I/we agree to enter into a contract with the City of Sedro-Woolley promising to:

- 1) Execute the project, as planned;
- 2) If a religious organization, not proselytize as any part of the project to be completed;
- 3) Provide all documentation necessary (included in the contract) to verify and receive reimbursement for the project.

Name and Title of Authorizing Member: Robert Stiles, Co-owner

Signature:  Date: 10-17-2023

Proposals can be mailed to: Charlie Bush, City Administrator  
City of Sedro-Woolley  
325 Metcalf Street  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

OR submitted via email to: [cbush@sedro-woolley.gov](mailto:cbush@sedro-woolley.gov)

*Please include a completed and signed application and proposal with "Sedro-Woolley Community Development Grant Program" on the subject line.*