

FY 2025/26 OUTSIDE FUNDING REQUESTS SUMMARY

January 31, 2025

The City uses an application process to evaluate funding requests from outside organizations. In the fall, the City received nine applications for operational support, one application for parking waiver reimbursement, and one application for an economic development activity.

The requests from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund for FY 2025/26 total \$338,577. In December 2024, the City Council authorized a total of \$324,487 for the operational requests, or an increase of 5% over the adopted FY 2024/25 amount. **On January 29, City staff received notification from The Dinkey Project organizers (requesting funding through The Ames Foundation), that they wished to withdraw their application for funding.**

The request from the Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC) for the Workforce Development Program is an economic development initiative. Therefore, this activity is funded from Hotel/Motel Taxes, along with an amount to reimburse the Parking Fund for lost revenue during special events where organizers request parking fees to be waived.

City staff has reviewed the requests and has prepared the following recommendations for the City Council’s FY 2025/26 budget allocations:

FY 2025/26 Operational Funding Recommendations (Local Option)

	2024/25 Adopted	2025/26 Request	2025/26 Recomm.	\$ Change	% Change
American Legion Riders	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	20.0%
Ames Historical Society	56,000	61,600	59,500	3,500	6.3%
Ames Int’l Partner Cities	8,000	8,000	8,000	--	--
Ames Main Street	54,000	55,500	55,500	1,500	2.8%
Campustown Action Ass’n	43,000	43,000	43,000	--	--
Farmer’s Market	11,000	12,000	12,000	1,000	9.1%
Hunziker Youth Sports Complex	89,035	103,000	94,250	5,215	5.9%
Story County Housing Trust	45,500	52,477	49,237	3,737	8.2%
The Ames Foundation	--	24,000	--	--	--
YWCA	--	1,090	--	--	--
LOCAL OPTION TOTAL	\$ 309,035	\$338,577	\$ 324,487	\$ 15,452	5.0%

FY 2025/26 Operational Funding Recommendations (Hotel/Motel Tax Fund)

	2024/25 Adopted	2025/26 Request	2025/26 Recomm.
Parking Waiver Reimbursements	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
AEDC Workforce Development Program	15,000	15,000	15,000
TOTAL	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000