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**Cc:** "Julie Mayfield"
**Subject:** RE: $5 million TPDF Grant Proposal
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I talked to Julie last night and she talked about a proposal to get legislative approval to reallocate all of the TPDF money (6-7 mill?) to make grants to restaurants and other businesses to help pay for them to ramp back up. The idea being that if they used the money for this purpose it would be or could be forgivable. I think this makes a lot of sense for Asheville/BunCo.

**From:** Andrew Celwyn <andrew@herbiary.com>
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Good evening to you both.

With little help from my fellow board members (and others on the call), I'm turning to both of you to see if you would like to help coordinate putting together a $5million dollar TPDF grant over the next three weeks.

My preference would be to solicit projects around the city and the county that could be tackled in a relatively short period of time, 1-3 months, and could inject some money into our community during this critical time. Artistic endeavors that could beautify our county and other projects that might fall within the typical TPDF parameters would be critical to making this application strong.

Getting this together by April 21st or 22nd would be helpful as the next board meeting is April 29th. There is Currently $4.6 million in the TPDF fund and there will be more than $5 million available after March receipts are included.

You both have a lot on your plates at the moment, as do I with keeping my business afloat and getting applications in for grants and SBA relief. If the two of you are able to provide some staffing to actually put the proposal together, I'm willing to help get the word out to the community that we need people to put forward projects that would be worthy of TPDF money. Lots of people may be disappointed that their projects aren't funded, but we've got a lot of creative juices out there as well as people with time on their hands who can help make this "kitchen soup" TPDF project a success.

Maybe it only ends up as $2 million or $3 million depending on what comes in. I've got to think that's better than letting that money sit for another six plus months.

If the legislature isn't going to help out, I hope we can find a way to help ourselves.

Thanks for considering this idea.  Happy to discuss further when you have time.

-Andrew