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TO: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

FROM: David Farmer, CPA, MPA Director of Budget & Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Friends of MLK Enhance Iowa CAT Grant matching request

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Iowa is planning on seeking an Enhance Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant to complete their goal of physical park space for remembrance, growth, solitude, gathering and celebration. The Friends of MLK is requesting a match of funds from the County because as for the Enhance Iowa CAT grant. Attached is the presentation for the request. Ryan Saddler will be at COW to discuss the project with you.

If the Board wishes to approve the CAT grant request it would be funded in the same capital budget project for trails and CAT grants. The FY 2023 Capital plan has budgeted \$30,000 in FY 2023, and \$40,000 in 2024 budgeted for other CAT Projects. The county normally budgets \$50,000 per year for CAT Funding. Additionally, other funding mechanisms may qualify for this project after further review of qualifications.