



Date September 12, 2022

**APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
AGREEMENT WITH BEACON OF LIFE, D/B/A THE BEACON,  
FOR REHABILITATION OF 1717 WOODLAND AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1792, the City Council approved the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, components of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan are: 1) address homelessness; 2) provide support services to low to moderate income individuals; and 3) enhance public facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Beacon of Life, doing business as The Beacon, is a Des Moines-based non-profit organization that provides a community living environment for women in crisis. It supports up to 34 adult women at a time who have experienced trauma and systemic inequity. In 2021, 100% of Beacon residents had a history of homelessness and 77% had experienced domestic abuse.

**WHEREAS**, The Beacon has applied for Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds to be used for roof and boiler replacement at 1717 Woodland Avenue which will ensure continued safe use of the facility for program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of CDBG funds by a homelessness facility to rehabilitate the center is an eligible activity when the activity meets a national objective of the CDBG Program by benefitting low- or moderate-income clientele, such as persons who are homeless or victims of domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beacon will secure three competitive bids to determine the contractor(s) to complete work for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2022, the City concluded an Environmental Review, and the proposed project has no adverse findings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that:

1. The CDBG Agreement between the City of Des Moines and The Beacon, in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, providing \$80,000 for rehabilitation of 1717 Woodland Avenue, is hereby approved.
2. The Director of the Neighborhood Services Department is authorized and directed to sign said Agreement and related documents.



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- 3. The Director of the Neighborhood Services Department and his assignees are authorized and directed to administer the CDBG Agreement and related documents in accordance with the terms therein; to approve and execute minor amendments thereto; and to present substantive amendments to the City Council for consideration and approval.

(Council Communication No. 22-403)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt,

Second by \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM APPROVED:**

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
Gary D. Goudelock Jr., Assistant City Attorney

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_____ Mayor				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk