



Roll Call Number

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Date March 18, 2024

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARD OF \$1,000,000 TO ELLIPSIS, INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 5525 MEREDITH DR. INTO SUPPORTIVE LIVING AND QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR FOSTER YOUTH

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, goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan include assisting in the improvement or reconstruction of public facilities and providing decent, affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Ellipsis, Inc. has applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of the building locally known as 5525 Meredith Dr, Des Moines, Iowa, to support a campus designed to build the continuum of care for Iowa foster youth by filling identified gaps in capacity for residential services and providing high-quality settings that contribute to skill-building and long-term independence; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2023 by Roll Call No. 23-1432, the City Council approved a preliminary commitment of \$1,000,000 of CDBG funds for the same project; and

WHEREAS, the use of CDBG funds to provide public facilities and improvements is an eligible activity when the activity meets the national objective of the CDBG Program by benefitting low- or moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, activities which benefit a limited clientele according to 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) will be considered to benefit low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2023, the City concluded an Environmental Review and received the Authority to Use Grant Funds from HUD, and the proposed Activity has no findings of significant impact; and

WHEREAS, City's Neighborhood Services staff has reviewed the application and supporting documents submitted by the Borrower and has determined that this Activity meets all eligibility requirements for the program; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the subsidy layering and budget portion of the application review, the City's Neighborhood Services staff determined that CDBG-provided gap financing is necessary for the activity's completion.



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

- 1. The City of Des Moines commits \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds for the rehabilitation of 5525 Meredith Dr. for Ellipsis' Meredith Campus activity.
2. The Director of the Neighborhood Services Department is authorized and directed to sign said final agreement and necessary exhibits as attached.

(Council Communication No. 24-107)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Mandelbaum

FORM APPROVED:

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

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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.

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk