

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Robert M. Restaino
DATE: April 18, 2022
RE: **City Council Agenda Item:**
Amendment to Highland Clubhouse Grant

Council Members:

In 2020, Council approved a grant of \$50,000.00 of CDBG CARES Act funds for renovations at 111 Grove Avenue. After the expenditure of \$3,000.00 for A&E, it was determined that the structure was unsafe and needs to be demolished. A new structure will be constructed on the site.

CDBG CARES funds can be used for construction of a new public facility to be owned by a not-for-profit, to be used for testing, diagnosis and treatment.

Highland Clubhouse has requested that the remaining funds be reallocated to the construction of the new facility. Under the HUD CARES Act regulations, the funds must be expended by 2026.

The repurposed grant will contain provisions to ensure that funds are available for the project before CDBG funds are released. All requirements for the demolition and new construction will be adhered to.

Will the Council vote to approve the repurposing of the original grant and reimburse the sub-recipient for expenses already incurred for (project costs and predevelopment expenses). Predevelopment expenses are defined as Architectural and Engineering fees, demolition costs, as well site prep work. Will the Council vote to approve as presented herein and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

Funding Approval:

Daniel Morello, City Controller
City Council Meeting, April 22, 2022

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