Resolution accepting an AARP Grant for the purpose of conducting a Community Assessment of the aging population of the City of La Crosse.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is concern for La Crosse's aging population and the need for promoting and improving these communities; specifically creating age-friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, the aging population is continuing to grow; according to the US Census, by 2030 32% of La Crosse County will be 55 plus, compared to 29% of 55 plus in 2015; and

WHEREAS, The City of La Crosse has been one of two cities in the state of Wisconsin selected for a grant program offered by the AARP to conduct a Community Assessment, which among other things will survey its population abouts needs and preferences for an age-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, the City is looking to make advances in the effort to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities as they age and is already undertaking work in the 8 domains of livability: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community support and health services; and

WHEREAS, the City hopes to gain information from this survey that is needed to encourage older adults to take active roles in their communities' and to ensure that the aging population's voices are heard, as well as develop an action plan for become an Age-Friendly Community; and

WHEREAS, Planning Department staff has received, a La Crosse AARP Grant for \$4,000 to fund an AARP survey on livability within the City of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department will administer the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby accepts the AARP Grant for \$4,000 and authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute any documents that are necessary for the implementation of AARP survey Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Planning & Development Director and Finance Director are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on September 13, 2018.

Jeri Lehrke

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin