

Resolution authorizing 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & 2020 Action Plan in connection with the CDBG and HOME Programs

AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the City of La Crosse is a five-year planning document that assesses community development needs that impact low-income persons, identifies a five-year Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan and contains a Year One Action Plan for addressing priority needs referenced in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the planning process for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan utilized an online survey that received over 1800 respondents from City residents and directly involved over 350 residents through public meetings, stakeholder engagement, and therefore accurately reflects the opinions and priorities of La Crosse residents relating to the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to approve the Consolidated Plan, which includes an Application for Federal Assistance under the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Entitlement Programs, as a prerequisite to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Formula Grant Programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan is the basis upon which HUD approves or disapproves the allocation of formula grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan identifies uses and awards amounts of the 2020 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Entitlement funds; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to commit program income to specific activities that generate such income; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council acknowledges all understandings and assurances contained in the above-mentioned Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, that the 2020 Action Plan is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that income generated by CDBG & HOME Program activities is dedicated to the continuation of those activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of this plan, \$50,000 shall be re-allocated out of the Housing Revolving Loan Fund to fund housing or emergency shelter services for people who are homeless during the Covid-19 outbreak for CDBG-eligible activities. This is to prevent risk of disease spread for this vulnerable population.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of this plan, \$150,000 shall be dedicated to funding the Small Business Relief Grant Program and of this, \$40,000 shall be re-allocated from 2019 CDBG Program Income Administration and \$110,000 shall be from the City's existing Small Business Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of these programs, staff will seek to get these costs reimbursed from the federal government through other programs and will reimburse the CDBG program or City of La Crosse if other funds are identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is designated as the authorized representative of the City of La Crosse to act in connection with the Consolidated Plan and to provide such additional information as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute any documents which are necessary for the implementation of activities funded under the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse continues to be a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) in the HOME Investment Partnerships Entitlement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff is 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 April 9, 2020.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*