

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBMISSION OF A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, HAWS used this grant to develop a Transformation Plan for the Cleveland Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, HAWS in 2016, 2017 and 2018 applied for \$30,000,000 in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant funding in order to begin implementation of the Transformation Plan that was developed after award of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant in 2013 but was not awarded the grant; and

WHEREAS, HAWS is submitting an application for \$30,000,000 in 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, HAWS is seeking to secure a commitment from the city on items related to its pursuit of the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, first, HAWS requests that the City adopt a resolution and sign the grant application agreeing to participate as a co-applicant on the application; and

WHEREAS, second, HAWS requests that the City execute a letter (drafted by HAWS and revised without limitation by the City) outlining the City’s capability to serve as the “Neighborhood Lead” in the event that the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the “Neighborhood Lead” is the entity responsible for overseeing the “community improvement” projects that get funded through the grant – for example,

streetscape modifications, park rehab and development, etc.; and creating the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in the Transformation Plan area;

WHEREAS, third, HAWS requests that the City execute a HUD Certificate of Consistency form acknowledging the Cleveland Avenue Corridor's consistency with the Consolidated Plan;

WHEREAS, fourth, that the City allocate up to \$165,000 to assist in funding the \$215,000 community engagement and predevelopment services required prior to grant application submission; and

WHEREAS, fifth, that the City allocate a \$3 million CDBG investment over the life of the grant, if awarded.

WHEREAS, HAWS is requesting that the City reaffirm the following commitments made in the 2018 Application, which although not required, will garner additional points and make the grant more competitive:

- Evidence of expenditure in the previous three years, or firm commitments, within the grant area in the amount of \$20MM or more from public and/or private investment;
- Confirmation that \$3 million has been committed from 2014 bonds for East End Plan;
- Confirmation that \$1.7 million has been allocated for the East End Plan from 2018 Bonds;
- Confirmation that \$10 million has been allocated for affordable housing from 2018 bonds for projects throughout the community and a portion of these can be used for the CNI;
- Confirmation that \$3.675 million has been allocated for the East and Northeast Wards for infrastructure improvements from 2018 Bonds and a portion of this may be used within the project area; or
- Consideration of utilizing a community based tax increment financing mechanism to cover additional public needs in the CNI area.

The commitments will be spread over the life of the grant term, which will be from July 2020 through July 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that the city manager is authorized to sign as a co-applicant on the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City supports this initiative with the understanding that there are many details, including but not limited to funding in future budget years that need to be worked out and finalized for future consideration by the Mayor and City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute documents necessary to carry out the activities herein authorized.