

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 Choice Neighborhood Plan for the Cleveland Avenue Corridor; and

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

WHEREAS, HAWS is submitting an application for \$30,000,000 in 2017 Choice Neighborhood 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 is requesting 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 request that the city execute a letter drafted by HAWS and revised 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 Choice Neighborhood Plan area; and

WHEREAS, Third, HAWS request that the City execute a HUD Certificate of Consistency form acknowledging the Cleveland Avenue Corridor's consistency with the Consolidated Plan: and

WHEREAS, last, HAWS requests the city consider a commitment of \$500,000 for 6 years (1 point) of CDBG funds financing development within the grant targeted area. The commitments must run over the life of the grant term, which will be from July 2018 through July 2024.

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 City supports this initiative with the understanding that the City of Winston Salem authorizes a commitment of 500,000 each year of CDBG funds for the Choice Neighborhood project to run the life of the grant term from July 2018 to July 2024 budget years, authorized by the Mayor and City Council on November 20, 2017.

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