

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** October 15, 2024

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Aaron King, Assistant City Manager  
Chris Murphy, Planning & Development Services Director

### Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Items Pertaining to the 2023 Historic Preservation Fund Semiquincentennial Grant for Rehabilitation of the Potter’s House at Historic Bethabara Park:

- a. Resolution accepting the National Park Service Grant in the amount of \$505,353.
- b. Amendments to the FY 24-25 Budget Ordinances to appropriate the federal funds.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



### Summary of Information:

This March, Planning & Development Services staff and the Historic Park Supervisor at Historic Bethabara Park applied to the National Park Service for a Semiquincentennial Grant to fund preservation planning and the first phase of rehabilitation at the 1782 Potter’s House, Bethabara’s oldest building. Visitor access is limited by its poor physical condition, which also threatens the building’s long-term stability. Staff received the notice of an award of \$505,353, the full amount requested, on August 22, 2024. The award does not require matching funds.

The grant will fund measured drawings of the building, historical research and condition assessments, roof repairs, correction of drainage around the foundation, and historic paint, finishes, and material analyses.

Staff will be present at the October 15 Finance Committee meeting to answer any questions.

### Committee Action:

<b>Committee</b>	<u>FC- 10/15/2024</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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