

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR A PY23 FLEXIBLE GRANT, TO ACCEPT SUCH MONIES, IF AWARDED; TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND ALLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Department of Development has informed the City that it may be eligible for a Flexible Grant (previously known as Target of Opportunity Grant) of up to \$300,000.00 for FY 2023 to support an expansion of free psychiatric and mental health counseling as a public service to low-to-moderate income persons through the Viola Startzman Clinic in order to address an urgent need related to a shift in types of calls for the City's emergency services related to mental health; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings are required to apply for the above-referenced grant programs in order to gain input for expenditure of said funds; the first was held on April 25, 2024, with a second hearing being held on May 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project was included as a strategic priority for the community during a Community Development Implementation Strategy Session I (CDIS), held May 9, 2024, with the subject area having been highlighted in similar CDIS sessions in prior years; and

WHEREAS, following satisfactory review of all public comments received through the hearing process, this Council deems that prompt action is necessary in order to submit the application by the first funding round deadline of May 31, 2024 for the PY 23 Flexible Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit on behalf of the City of Wooster an application to the State of Ohio Department of Development, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, for a Small Cities CDBG PY23 Flexible Grant in the amount of \$192,500.00, to provide for a single activity of providing expanded fully-subsidized psychiatric treatment through Viola Startzman Clinic (Healthcare 2000 Inc.) for low-to-moderate income-qualified Wooster and Wayne County residents, with a focus on those who are homeless or at or near poverty, so as to address an urgent community concerning a shift in calls for emergency services related to mental health from Fire and EMS to Police, and additionally providing for related medical and dental services as may be needed by psychiatric patient beneficiaries, and additionally authorizing the Mayor to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Viola Startzman to ensure compliance with all grant terms.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and declares that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution occurred in an open meeting of this Council or its committees, in compliance with law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, safety and welfare of the City, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department or division, and for the further reason that prompt action is necessary in order that the application to the State of Ohio Department of Development for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant may be submitted by the May 31, 2024 deadline; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor; provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Council; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

1st reading 5-20-24 2nd reading → 3rd reading 5-20-24

Passed: May 20, 2024

Vote: 7-0

Attest: Amy Hamilton
Clerk of Council

[Signature]
President of Council

Approved: May 21, 2024

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Mayor

Introduced by: Michael Abernathy, Jr.