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Resolution

A resolution of the Missoula City Council authorizing the submission of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 applications to the Montana Department of Commerce for NeighborWorks resident owned community acquisition and housing preservation and Missoula Parks and Recreation for the transformation of Missoula's Downtown Lions Park into a safe and inclusive community hub.

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce for financial assistance from the Community Development Block Grant CARES Program (CDBG-CV) to:

- Issue a subaward to NeighborWorks Montana for Resident-Owned Community (ROC) acquisition and housing preservation. The Resident Owned Communities (ROC) program creates permanently affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents by preserving existing manufactured home communities. These communities are at significant risk of redevelopment leaving residents without affordable housing options. Any displacement from stable housing significantly increases risk of exposure to COVID-19 and can increase community spread. The proposed project would support acquisition and preservation of at least 20 homes in Missoula through the ROC program.
- Support, through Missoula Parks and Recreation, the transformation of Missoula's Downtown Lion's Park (DLP) into a community hub that is safe, inclusive, supports community pride, and enhances public safety and access to services and facilities that are important to serving both BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color) and LMI (low-moderate income) persons. Safe and accessible public spaces are vital to mental and physical well-being while allowing outdoor recreation and Covid-19 social distancing.

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula has the legal jurisdiction and authority to construct, finance, operate, and maintain:

- Management of subaward to NeighborWorks Montana,
- Transformation of Missoula's Downtown Lyon's Park into a safe and inclusive community hub.

That the City of Missoula agrees to comply with all applicable parts of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020, also known as the CARES Act, which have not been cited herein, as well as with other applicable federal laws and regulations, and all state laws and regulations and the requirements described in the CDBG Multi-Family Housing Development and Rehabilitation Application Guidelines and those that are described in the CDBG Grant Administration Manual;

That John Engen, Mayor, is authorized to submit this application to the Montana Department of Commerce, on behalf of the City of Missoula, to act on its behalf and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Signed: _____

Name: John Engen

Title: Mayor, City of Missoula

Date: _____

Attested: _____

Local Government's DUNS Number: 014313894