

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
DATE: March 28, 2018
RE: **City Council Agenda Item:**
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper 2017 CDBG Grant Agreement
Date Adjustment

Council Members:

The 2017 CDBG budget, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was approved with a grant to Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper (now Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper) in the amount of \$85,966.00, to pay some of the costs to engage 25 high school youth in an intensive environmental health and justice program. This grant agreement was to run from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Due to startup and other issues, the grantee, in consultation with Niagara Falls High School administration and science teachers, concluded that it would be more advantageous to hold the Experiential Learning Component in the fall of 2018, so that the Niagara Falls Program does not conflict with other Spring Semester events. Active recruitment of students is set for in March of 2018, with class room and hands on field learning sessions to take place in the fall 2018 semester. Student mentorships would take place in Spring/Summer 2019 and the community events and peer presentations would occur in the fall of 2019.

It is proposed that the date for contract performance be amended to July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. the grant amount will remain the same.

THIS ACTION DOES NOT AFFECT ANY ALLOCATION OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OR CASINO FUNDING. Will the Council vote to approve the proposal presented herein and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Dyster, Mayor

Nicholas Melson, City Administrator

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Director of Community Development

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