



TO: City Council
FROM: Niagara Falls Community Development
DATE: April 4, 2018
RE: **City Council Agenda Item:**
Community Development Housing Renovations - CDBG & HOME Grant Agreement Amendments

The 2017 CDBG and HOME budget, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was approved with a grant to Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative, a partnership between Neighborhood Housing Services and the Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation in the amount of \$593,695. The grant agreements customarily run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Due to delays in the federal release of funds as well as the ongoing development of a housing collaborative model to better comply with U.S. Housing and Urban Development guidance and standards, as well as an increase in the projected number of rehabilitation projects to be completed by the City of Niagara Falls Department of Community Development, an amendment to the approved 2017 Action Plan must be executed.

The creation of the Housing Collaborative is a compromise reached to ensure that all city residents have the same access to the housing renovation programs, based on federal guidelines and not geographic location and to better control long term administrative costs. Serving the residents of Niagara Falls and, adding value to our city’s housing stock in the process, is the purpose of the city’s residential renovation program, started in the late 1970s. Niagara Falls Community Development also respects the leadership roles of Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation and Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services as well as the city employees that both supervise the entire housing renovation program and execute targeted housing rehabilitations. To that end, the Niagara Falls Community Development Department agrees to designate specific rehabilitations, within the traditional Niagara Falls renovation area to the Niagara Falls Community Development Department, and designate all other renovations to our sub recipients, as a part of this action plan.

The following changes are proposed:

	Approved	Revised	Change
City of Niagara Falls CDBG Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 289,776.00	\$ 109,776.00
Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. First Time Home Buyer Program	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (25,000.00)
City of Niagara Falls Closing Cost Program	\$ 127,550.00	\$ 66,275.00	\$ (61,275.00)
Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative CDBG Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 326,499.00	\$ (23,501.00)
City of Niagara Falls HOME Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 192,500.00	\$ 122,500.00
Niagara Falls Housing Collaborative HOME Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 165,356.00	\$ 42,856.00	\$ (122,500.00)

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This action expends no general fund dollars. 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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