

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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September 10, 2020

The City Council  
Niagara Falls, New York

*RE: Software Agreement related to Implementation of Cities RISE Grant Program  
(Tolemi, Inc.)*

Council Members:

As you know, the City of Niagara Falls was selected by the New York State Attorney General's office to be a recipient of a grant as part of Phase Three of the "Cities for Responsible Investment and Strategic Enforcement" ("Cities RISE") program. The program aims to innovatively address and transform blighted, vacant or poorly maintained problem properties through the use of housing and community data from various state agencies.

As part of that Grant, the State had provided a software program developed by Tolemi, Inc. which has the ability to identify properties in the City which have had numerous issues related to public safety, public works, and code enforcement. As the City enters Phase 3 of the Grant, it is imperative that the City enter into an agreement with Tolemi to continue the use of said software for the next two years. The cost for such an agreement is \$14,200.00 per year or \$28,400.00 over the term of the agreement. However, as all funding for the project is available from the proceeds of the Cities RISE grant, there will be no cost to the City's General Fund.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel in both form and content?

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. RESTAINO  
Mayor

Funding Approval:

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Daniel Morello, City Controller  
City Council Meeting, September 16, 2020

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