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July 15, 2021

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

*RE: Extension of Covid-19 Response Grant Award
(Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant)*

Council Members:

On July 15, 2020, the City Council approved grants of CARES Act funds to various local agencies for programs related to Covid-19. The grant agreements reflected a one-year term, through June 30, 2021. The agencies receiving grants are as follows:

Emergency Solutions Grant COVID -19 (ESG-CV) Funding

Agency	Amount	Proposed Activity
Catholic Charities	\$448,590.00	Homelessness Intervention, Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance
Community Missions	\$82,953.00	PPE, Emergency Shelter/Essential Services/Operational
Community Missions	\$176,913.00	Homelessness Intervention RRH, Rental Assistance
Community Missions	\$52,100.00	Emergency Shelter/Renovation
Pinnacle Community Service – (Passage House)	\$47,965.00	Emergency Shelter/Essential Services
Pinnacle Community Service – (Casey House)	\$61,706.00	Emergency Shelter/Essential Services
Pinnacle Community Service – (Casey House)	\$80,011.00	PPE, Outreach
Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.	\$38,866.00	Homelessness Intervention RRH, Legal Advocacy to prevent homelessness
Heart, Love & Soul, Inc.	\$125,000.00	PPE, outreach, coordinated entry, many activities indirectly linked to by Continuum of Care (CoC)
	\$1,114,104.00	Total Awarded

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Community Development Block Grant COVID -19 (CDBG-CV) Funding

Agency	Amount	Proposed Activity
YWCA Carolyn's House	\$31,000.00	Playground
Niagara University – Niagara Falls Health Equity Task Force	\$152,194.00	PPE, Outreach
Pinnacle Community Services (Casey House)	\$159,028.00	Porch Project, create social distancing within shelter
Pinnacle Community Services (Passage House)	\$39,021.88	Porch Project, create social distancing within shelter
Highland Club House	\$50,000.00	Highland Clubhouse Renovation, PPE, Outreach
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	\$100,000.00	Know the signs suicide prevention due to Covid-19
YWCA Carolyn's House	\$51,229.00	Summer Youth Program
\$582,472.88		Total Awarded

Due to the difficulties of operating with COVID restrictions, the grants have not been fully expended. It is proposed to extend the time of completion for expending the grants by one year, with no additional funds appropriated, through June 30, 2022. The second round, approved in December, expire June 20, 2022. This will allow all CARES grants to expire at the same time.

Will the Council vote to approve the extension presented herein and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same, provided these documents are in form and content acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. RESTAINO
Mayor