

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Robert M. Restaino
DATE: April 17, 2023
RE: **City Council Agenda Item:**
Reprogramming 2022 CDBG Funds
Niagara Gospel Mission to NFMMC

Council Members:

The City approved a grant of up to \$30,000.00 of CDBG funds to Niagara Gospel Mission. Unfortunately, Niagara Gospel Mission states that it cannot abide by the faith-based activities restrictions of the grant. If a Grantee engages in explicitly religious activities (including activities that involve overt religious content such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization), the explicitly religious activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs or activities supported by the ESG grant, and participation must be voluntary for the beneficiaries of the programs or activities that receive direct Federal financial assistance.

We propose to reprogram the \$30,000.00 grant to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for installation of an indoor air quality filtration system at its Schoellkopf Nursing Home. NFMMC needs \$39,000.00 to cover installation costs of an indoor air quality filtration system at its Schoellkopf Nursing Home. In addition to the reprogrammed 2022 CDBG funds, it is proposed that \$9,000.00 of unexpended prior year CDBG funds be used to support this worthy project.

The nursing home residents meet the low and moderate income requirements for CDBG funds. This project will provide much needed protection from airborne diseases, including Covid-19.

Will the Council vote to approve reprogramming of \$30,000.00 of 2022 CDBG funds as presented herein, to authorize a grant of \$9,000.00 in unexpended prior year CDBG funds as presented herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

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