

## CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council  
FROM: Mayor Robert M. Restaino  
DATE: April 17, 2023  
RE: **City Council Agenda Item:  
Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.  
Grant Agreement Amendment**

### **Council Members:**

In 2022, Council approved a grant of CDBG funds to Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$13,200.00 for the purchase two of properties (532 and 534 59th Street) for the construction of new housing. Unfortunately, the purchase of the properties could not be completed as the seller backed out of the deal after signing a sales contract.

In February 2023, Habitat requested to move the project to 702 59<sup>th</sup> Street and requested the grant be amended to be used at that address. After the Council approved the change in property, Habitat began the process of acquiring the parcel from a private seller and signed a sales contract for the property pending successful completion of a title search and survey. However, a significant judgement and lien against the property was discovered during the title search performed by Habitat which the seller was unwilling to resolve. As a result, Habitat was not able to complete the deal.

Habitat has proposed to move the project to be utilized for two new parcels: 1609 Walnut Avenue and 476 25<sup>th</sup> Street and has requested that the grant be amended so that funds can be used for the acquisition and related costs associated with the new properties. The project will benefit a low to moderate income family and is eligible under CDBG regulations. Will the Council vote to approve the grant agreement amendment as presented herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

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