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FINANCE
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Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

June 3, 2020

BUDGET 45

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Competitive Grant Applications – Fiscal Year
2020-21

Council Priority: Deficit Reduction and Long Term
Financial Stability

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Fostering
Prosperity & Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing certain competitive grant applications for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This legislation helps streamline the application process. Council has approved such grant applications annually since 2007.

There are hundreds of federal, state, regional, and private grant opportunities that the City qualifies for as a municipality. Frequently, granting agencies require City Council endorsement as part of the application process. Providing this “up front” approval will enable staff to respond to funding opportunities more quickly.

Grant applications will continue to require individual Council endorsement when:

- The City is required to pay more than \$250,000 of the cost of the project;
- The award exceeds \$1,000,000; or
- For capital projects, completion is required in one calendar year or less.

Respectfully submitted,

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

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Authorizing competitive grant applications

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit applications to Federal, State, and regional governments, agencies and authorities, as well as private foundations and other funding sponsors, for funding that will support City programs, services and capital operations.

Section 2. For successful award applications, the Mayor shall obtain City Council approval to enter into agreements for receipt of the funding and necessary professional services agreements for performance of the work, and for appropriation of the funds.

Section 3. The applications shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems to be appropriate.

Section 4. Grant applications which obligate the City of Rochester to pay more than \$250,000 in City funding shall require City Council authorization.

Section 5. Applications for grants exceeding \$1,000,000 and awards for capital projects that require project completion in one calendar year or less shall require City Council authorization.

Section 6. The Director of Finance shall submit quarterly reports to Council for grants received through applications authorized herein, detailing dollar amounts received and expended.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in effect for the 2020-21 fiscal year.