

**Additional Proposed Legislation for the
April 24, 2024 City Council Meeting -**

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For questions, call the City Clerk's Office at 585-428-7421



**Neighborhoods, Jobs & Housing
Introductory No.**



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April 2, 2024

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TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: New York State Targeted Home Improvement Program (T-HIP)

Council Priority: Rebuilding and Strengthening Neighborhood Housing

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:
Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the City's acceptance of a grant from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (NYS HTFC) for the Targeted Home Improvement Program (T-HIP). The City received notice of the funding award from the NYS HTFC on March 14, 2024. This legislation will:

- 1) Authorize a grant agreement with the NYS HTFC for the receipt and use of a \$4,000,000 grant for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The term of the agreement will be for two years, with the option to extend for one additional year. The funds will be anticipated and included in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 Budgets of Neighborhood and Business Development and Undistributed Expenses; and
- 2) Authorize agreements with property owners to implement the program.

T-HIP is a New York State-funded pilot grant program that assists low- and moderate-income owners to complete critical repairs to their property. Critical repairs include lead-based paint hazards, health and safety risks, code violations, and roof replacements. This grant will allow the City to assist owners in approximately 100 residential units; these are in addition to those owners who are assisted with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. A lottery process will be used to select recipients from qualified applicants.

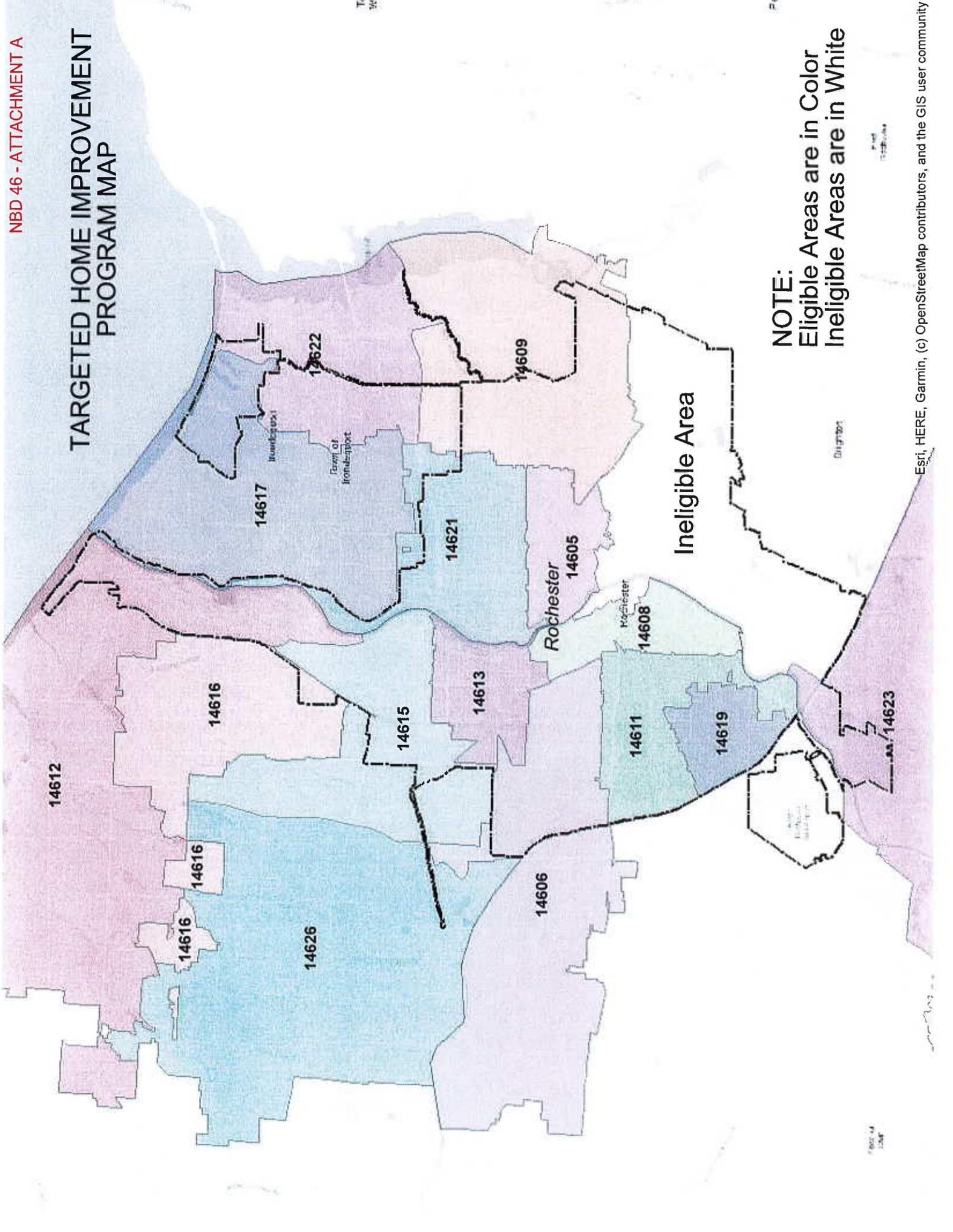
To qualify for the T-HIP, the property must be the owner's primary, permanent residence; the homeowner must be up to date with City and Monroe County property taxes, and not be subject to tax or mortgage foreclosure; and must execute a ten-year regulatory agreement that restricts the sale or transfer of the property. The total household income must be at or below 80% of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median income, which is updated on an annual basis. The funds are available in target zip codes in the City of Rochester. A map outlining the eligible areas is included in Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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TARGETED HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MAP



NOTE:
 Eligible Areas are in Color
 Ineligible Areas are in White

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Ordinance No.

Authorizing agreements for the Targeted Home Improvement Program

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to finalize and submit the City's application and to enter into an agreement with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (Grantor) for the receipt and use of \$4,000,000, which amount is hereby appropriated to implement a Targeted Home Improvement Program to assist low- and moderate-income owners of residential properties to complete critical repairs (Program). The agreement shall have a term of two years, which, with the permission of the Grantor, may be extended for an additional year.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with each benefited property owner to implement the Program, which may include a term restricting the sale or transfer of the property for up to ten years. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such other agreements and documents as may be necessary to obtain the grant and effectuate the Program.

Section 3. The agreements authorized herein shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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March 26, 2024

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TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: City Grant Match – New York State Office of
Children and Family Services New York State
AmeriCorps 2024-2025 Formula Pool

Council Priority: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of
Vibrancy

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area: Reinforcing
Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing a grant application related to the New York State's Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)'s New York State AmeriCorps 2024-2025 Formula Pool Request for Proposals which will commit the City to more than \$250,000 in matching funds for the project.

In response to the NYS RFP, the City proposes to continue to operate the Flower City AmeriCorps program from 2024 to 2027 with at least 25 full time and 6 part time members serving in City and not-for-profit organizations. The program's annual budget will be approximately \$700,000, and funds will be used for the AmeriCorps members' living allowance, program supplies, transportation assistance, professional development and coaching, and program administration staffing housed in the Department of Recreation and Human Services. Since this proposal would constitute the ninth, tenth, and eleventh years of running the Flower City AmeriCorps program, per the grant requirements, the City is required to provide 50% of the costs of running the program as a match. These match funds could total up to \$350,000, which is above the \$250,000 threshold needed for Council authorization.

The goal of the Flower City AmeriCorps program is to inspire and prepare the next wave of human service professionals by providing the skills, information, and experience needed for success as they serve at local organizations working to mitigate poverty in our community. Members will engage approximately 800 individuals in youth development, healthy futures, job readiness/training, health and wellness, education, economic opportunity, and community building programming. Oversight of the program will be performed by the equivalent of one and a half full-time DRHS staff.

The grant request for proposals was released on April 2, 2024 and is due April 30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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Ordinance No.

Authorizing a grant application for the Flower City AmeriCorps program

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) for a grant from the agency's New York State AmeriCorps 2024-2025 Formula Pool to fund the Flower City AmeriCorps program (Program) for three years, subject to a City matching contribution of up to \$350,000 per year. If the application is granted, this authorization does not waive the requirements to obtain subsequent City Council authorizations: for the agreement with NYS OCFS pertaining to the receipt and use of the grant; to appropriate the grant and matching City funds for the Program; and to enter into such professional services agreements as may be necessary to implement the Program.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



**People, Parks & Public Works
Introductory No.**

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April 9, 2024

DES 48

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Safe Streets and Road for All Grant application

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Areas:
Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods; Sustaining Green
& Active Systems

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program.

This legislation will:

1. Authorize the City to apply for SS4A Implementation grant funds up to \$25 million; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to enter into any necessary agreement with the USDOT Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety for the SS4A grant.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the SS4A grant program to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement, and implementation focused on all road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) Bureau of Architecture and Engineering submitted an Implementation grant application for the SS4A program in 2023 to advance recommendations of the City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP, completed in June 2023, identifies strategies to make City streets safer and more accessible for active transportation, including, but not limited to, people walking, using mobility aids, taking transit and riding bikes.

The City received a partial award in 2023 for planning and demonstration activities only. DES intends to submit a new application for a 2024 SS4A Implementation Grant, based on feedback from the USDOT on how to improve the City's score. The grant application will target enhanced safety improvements to City streets scheduled for milling and resurfacing in the next five years. This approach will enable the City to leverage funds already identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to fund the required 20% local match for the grant. While

identification of specific streets is ongoing, the application will target streets in each quadrant of the City that the ATP identified as high-injury or high-crash corridors.

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Improvements may include, but are not limited to bike lanes, buffered or protected bike lanes, curb bump-outs, pedestrian refuge islands, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), raised crosswalks or intersections, improved lighting, traffic signal improvements, and/or improved ADA curb ramps, among other interventions. Specific strategies for each street will be assessed during engineering design.

The deadline to apply for 2024 SS4A Implementation grants is May 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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Ordinance No.

Authorizing an application and agreement for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for an implementation grant of up to \$25,000,000 from the agency's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program to improve safety for all users of City streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators (SS4A Program).

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the US DOT for the receipt and use of a grant of up to \$25,000,000 to implement the SS4A Program for City streets, contingent upon the City's appropriation of said grant funds and a 20% City match to fund the Program.

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

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.