

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR AN AWARD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Ohio Development Services Agency ("ODSA") allocates Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Target of Opportunity Program funds to provide funding for projects that will benefit persons with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income; and,

WHEREAS, the City Administration is searching for funding to aid the property owners with structural and blight removal improvements to two downtown buildings; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements would not be possible without federal assistance from this program; and,

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that acceptance of federal assistance obligates the Municipality to administer the granted funds in accordance with program guidelines and to maintain public facilities and conduct programs in accordance with Federal requirements;

Now therefore, be it enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Defiance, Ohio, that:

Section 1: The City Administrator, as official representative of the Municipality, is hereby authorized to enter into any contract with the ODSA for Community Development Block Grant Target of Opportunity Program assistance as may be available through the Program Year 2019 CDBG Community Development Allocation Program and is empowered to:

- a) Prepare, execute, and file all documents necessary to make application to the ODSA for a grant of CDBG Target of Opportunity Program;
- b) Provide such certifications and assurances as may be requested to assure that Title I funds are received and expended in full compliance with the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto including, without limitation, 24 CFR 570.496(a);
- c) Provide such certifications and assurances as may be requested to assure that municipal facilities are constructed and maintained and municipal programs are operated in conformity with anti-discrimination regulations applicable to the municipality by reason of its acceptance of Federal financial assistance; and
- d) Receive and administer funds in order to carry out all programs and activities described by the authorized CDBG application in conformity with program guidelines and applicable regulations.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all legislative actions pertaining to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in Public Session and that all deliberations that affected or influenced any such legislative act, including all deliberations in Committee, were conducted in Public Session or in Executive Session duly convened in accordance with law.

Section 3: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the health, safety or welfare of the community for the reason that the City must file the application authorized by this Ordinance promptly with the ODSA in order to be considered timely and eligible for funding. As such, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) Members of Council and approval of the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2020

President of Council

Votes in Favor of Adoption: _____

Votes Opposed to Adoption: _____

Attest: _____, Clerk

Approved: _____, 2020

Mayor