

2024

RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES/HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$2,481,752.25 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF SCRANTON PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of obtaining funds from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities/Hazard Mitigation Program for funds up to \$2,481,752.25 to be used towards the City of Scranton Property Acquisition Project (hereinafter referred to as "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this legislation allows the City of Scranton to make application for a grant that would provide funding for acquisition of up to nineteen properties in the 18504 and 18508 areas of the City of Scranton. These properties were severely damaged as a result of the September 9, 2023, flooding event, and the properties repeatedly have flooding issues due to severe storms; and

WHEREAS, Northeast U.S. leads the country with a 74% increase in heavy rain events over the past five decades. Heavy downpours are increasing nationally, especially over the last three to five decades, with the largest increase in the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, The City of Scranton is applying to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for property acquisition, as this is the most cost-effective action to take to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards and to protect a sense of place; and


WHEREAS, following acquisition, the homes will be demolished, and the land will be owned by the City of Scranton to remain an open space in perpetuity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON ratifies and approves the execution and submission of the grant application, incorporated herein as if set forth at length, by the City of Scranton to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities/Hazard Mitigation Program for funds up to \$2,481,752.25.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on January 9, 2024
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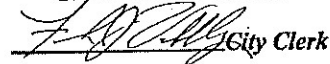
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Scranton, Pa. January 16, 2024
Committee on Public Works reports favorably on the within resolution.



Chair

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SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

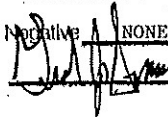
Passed by the Council

January 16, 2024

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

KING, SCHUSTER, ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, KING

Negative NONE



President

Approved

1/22/2024



Mayor



City Clerk

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