

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on September 10, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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RESOLUTION NO. 111

2024

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF VALLEY IN MOTION/TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ACTING THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR A LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (MONROE) GRANT, PURSUANT TO THE PA RACEHORSE DEVELOPMENT AND GAMING ACT FOR UP TO \$200,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE FRANCIS WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GREEN SCHOOLYARD PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of submitting a Grant Application on behalf of Valley In Motion/Trust for Public Land to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("the Commonwealth") acting through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (the "Grantor") for a Local Share Account Grant, pursuant to the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, for the Francis Willard Elementary School Green Schoolyard Project ("Project") located at 1100 Eynon Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, a copy of the grant narrative is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, this legislation allows the City of Scranton to ratify and approve the execution and submission of the Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will review the Grant Application for funding for the Local Share Account Grant in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 ("Grant") for the Project; and

WHEREAS, if the Grant Application is approved, the City of Scranton intends herein to authorize the execution of the Local Share Account Grant Contract and Commitment Letter, and the acceptance, disbursement, including a two percent administration fee for facilitating the grant, and utilization of the Grant for the Project.

WHEREAS, the Scranton School District is collaborating with national non-profit Trust for Public Land and Valley In Motion to build a robust new playground at Frances Williard Elementary School, a 350-student public school in Scranton, PA.

WHEREAS, this project will transform the school's plain asphalt play space into a high-quality park that will also serve its high-density West Scranton neighborhood outside school hours. This project provides health, education, climate, and equity benefits for students and community members alike.

WHEREAS, the City is charging a 5% Administration Fee for facilitating this LSA grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that the execution and submission of the Grant Application is hereby ratified and if approved, the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to enter into and execute and submit any additional related paperwork for this Grant, and if successful, to, accept the grant funds to be used for the Project as attached hereto. This

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Committee on Community Development reports favorably on the within resolution.

Chair

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approval anticipates and authorizes the execution of any and all related documentation necessary for the Grant or to accept, disburse, and utilize the Grant for the Project.

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.

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
September 17, 2024

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons
King, Schuster, Rothchild, McAndrew, Smurl

Negative

NONE

President

Approved 9/18/24

Paul G. Cosentino Mayor

[Signature] City Clerk

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