

Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments

RESOLUTION No. 2018-04

AUTHORIZING A GRANT FOR THE CITY OF LOCKPORT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Local Finance Law section 160.05(3), the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments (the "Board"), upon the request of a fiscally eligible municipality, by resolution of the governing body of such municipality with the concurrence of the chief executive of such municipality, may undertake a comprehensive review of the operations, finances, management practices, economic base and any other factors that in its sole discretion it deems relevant to be able to make findings and recommendations on reforming and structuring the operations of the fiscally eligible municipality (the "Comprehensive Review"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Finance Law section 54(10)(t)(ii), the Board may award funding under the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to fiscally eligible municipalities for financial restructuring and related purposes, as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2015, the Board approved Resolution No. 2015-09 agreeing to undertake a Comprehensive Review of the City of Lockport (the "City") in accordance with New York State Local Finance Law section 160.05(3); and

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently undertook a Comprehensive Review of the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2016, the Board approved Resolution No. 2016-03 approving the report on the Comprehensive Review of the City (the "Comprehensive Review Report") and all of the findings and recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report includes a recommendation that the City continue to work on developing its government-owned vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award a grant of up to \$200,000 to defray the costs of demolition or redevelopment, contingent upon the successful development of an executed agreement for a new shared services endeavor with the County of Niagara;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the City would be abiding by its recommendation in the Comprehensive Review Report to work on developing its government-owned vacant properties by selling government-owned parcels via auction and collaborating with the Cities of Niagara Falls and North Tonawanda, and the County of Orleans to develop a regional landbank; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the City successfully developed an executed agreement with the County of Niagara for shared information technology services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$200,000 to the City to defray the costs of demolition and redevelopment of government-owned vacant land, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until modified, replaced or repealed by resolution of the Board.

No. 2018-04

Dated: 6-13-18

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J.', with a horizontal line extending to the right.