Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments RESOLUTION No. 2018-06

AUTHORIZING GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH

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 June 20, 2016, the Board approved Resolution No. 2016-12 agreeing to undertake a Comprehensive Review of the City of Plattsburgh (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 19, 2017, the Board approved Resolution No. 2017-04 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 work with Clinton County to invest in similar payroll and time and attendance

software; IT hosting by the County; a County takeover of assessing, dispatch, and other shared services; extend the City's electrical grid to its DPW facility to the extent practicable; or continue contemplation of co-locating the DPW and MLD facilities; 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 \$1,000,000 to assist the City with implementing any of the opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report also includes a recommendation that the City continue to implement additional efficiency actions that will lower the annual cost of providing specific services; 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 to assist the City with implementing such efficiency actions;

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 with Clinton County to invest in similar payroll and time and attendance software; IT hosting by the County; a County takeover of assessing, dispatch, and other shared services; extend the City's electrical grid to its DPW facility to the extent practicable; or continue contemplation of co-locating the DPW and MLD facilities; if the City and Clinton County were to consolidate their assessment functions and undertake a Citywide property revaluation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$425,000 to the City to undertake a Citywide property revaluation, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of \$395,000 for the County, payable through the City, in recognition of the County's agreement to take over the City's assessing function, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the City would be abiding by its recommendation in the Comprehensive Review Report to continue to implement additional efficiency actions that will lower the annual cost of providing specific services if the City were to restructure major departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$125,000 for employee separation costs related to such restructuring, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the City would be abiding by its recommendation in the Comprehensive Review Report to continue to implement additional efficiency actions that will lower the annual cost of providing specific services if the City were to relocate its finance division out of the Municipal Lighting Department's space and into City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$45,000 to the City to undertake such relocation, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board acknowledges that the City would be abiding by its recommendation in the Comprehensive Review Report to continue to implement additional efficiency actions that will lower the annual cost of providing specific services if the City were to install fifty additional boat docks at the City marina; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$50,000 to the City to install such boat docks, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds that no further awards contained herein this resolution shall be payable to or executed with the City unless and until the City first executes with the Department of State the grant of \$395,000 contained herein, and has subsequently paid such amount to the County.

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

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Dated: