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Date October 23, 2023

PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT OF \$1,000,000 OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE ELLIPSIS CAMPUS AT 5525 MEREDITH DRIVE

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1792, the City Council approved the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary components of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is the increase of housing stability by providing client-appropriate housing and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, Ellipsis, LLC, has applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be used for the creation of development of the Ellipsis Campus at 5525 Meredith Drive; and

WHEREAS, the use of CDBG funds for public services including services for abused and neglected children is an eligible activity if it meets the national objective of the CDBG Program by benefitting low- or moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, after rehabilitation, the two-story facility will include ten (10) Qualified Residential Treatment Programming (QRTP) bedrooms, and eight (8) Supervised Apartment Living (SAL) efficiency bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, an environmental assessment, including a Finding of No significant Impact (FONSI) and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) submission to HUD was completed on August 9th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, exact loan terms have not been agreed upon, outstanding documents are still needed in order to complete the project underwriting process, a preliminary commitment in lieu of a full agreement is required at this time in order for developer to potentially secure additional grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that:

1. The City of Des Moines preliminarily commits up to \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds for the rehabilitation of 5525 Meredith Drive which will result in the development of the Ellipsis Campus, conditional to agreed-upon loan terms and completion of project underwriting at a later date.



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- 2. The Director of the Neighborhood Services Department is authorized and directed to sign said preliminary commitment letter as attached.

(Council Communication No. 23- 471)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.
 Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
 Gary D. Goudelock Jr., Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk