

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7299**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, was awarded a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") to implement Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Project #21-HO-36035; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2021, the City entered into a Grant Agreement No. #21-HO-36035 with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("NDED"), the term of which was from November 18, 2021 to May 17, 2024 ("Grant Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to request an extension of the term of the Grant Agreement to February 17, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE, NEBRASKA:


**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Beatrice be and is hereby authorized to request an extension of the term of the Grant Agreement to February 17, 2025.

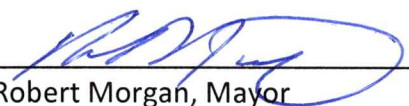
**SECTION 2.** That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the extension of term of the Grant Agreement to February 17, 2025.

**SECTION 3.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Attest:

  
Erin Saathoff, CMC, City Clerk

  
Robert Morgan, Mayor

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May 6, 2024

Amy Kienzler Program Representative  
Nebraska Department of Economic Development  
245 Fallbrook Blvd Ste. 002  
Lincoln, NE 68521

RE: City of Beatrice, 21-HO-36035 Request for Contract Amendment/Extension

Dear Ms. Kienzler:

At the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting, I was authorized by the Council to request a nine-month contract extension for Beatrice's OOR program. This request is being made due to initial obstacles in securing bids from qualified contractors in the months after the program first received release of funds. The program began at a time when the construction industry was still being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the contractors that had previously worked with the OOR programs managed by SENDD were not willing to provide bids for this program due to the abundance of privately funded, higher-paying projects. This setback caused SENDD to revamp its contractor list. The industry has recently normalized and we now have access to several approved and committed contractors who are making excellent progress with this program's projects.

To date, we have received a total of 26 full applications, five of which were rejected. There are currently nine homes undergoing rehabilitation, all of which are expected to be completed well before the current deadline of May 17, 2024. Four other homes have already been finished. Without the requested extension, this program will only have served 13 clients (program goal of 18). The City of Beatrice respectfully requests a nine-month grant extension to secure at least five more projects to fulfil this program's initial goal of rehabilitating at least 18 homes. By doing so, the City will be able to accomplish and/or exceed the project goals of the program and utilize the funding as expected.

**As the Mayor of the City of Beatrice, I certify the following:**

1. The City Council has approved this request for extension at the May 6, 2024 meeting.
2. Issues causing delays have been evaluated and steps will be implemented moving forward to avoid any additional amendment requests for similar reasons. A revised implementation schedule to continue this project through the requested extension period is enclosed.
3. No change to proposed accomplishments.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the CDBG Project Administrator, Jim Warrelmann, at 7407 O Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510, 402-475-2560.

Sincerely,

Bob Morgan, Mayor

Enc.: CDBG Contract Amendment Request Form/ Revised Imp. Schedule

cc: SENDD