



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: March 5, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Community Development Committee

LIAISON: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Connie M. Bohatch, Senior Managing Director of Community Services
Community Development

SUBJECT: **Resolution scheduling a public hearing on April 9, 2024, for Programmatic Agreements with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)**

Attached is a resolution scheduling a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, to provide citizens the opportunity to comment on the effect of activities funded through certain federal programs on the character of historic properties.

Programmatic Agreements. The City has two programmatic agreements with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to facilitate compliance with the City's Section 106 responsibilities for various programs and activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. HUD has delegated responsibility to local agencies to act on their behalf as the responsible federal agency in the Section 106 process. The NHPA allows the execution of programmatic agreements to comply with Section 106 requirements via an alternate process. The stipulations outlined in the City's agreements with the SHPO allow greater local control and significantly reduce the time required for review of individual projects.

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing. A public notice will be published on March 14, 2024, and a public comment period will be held from March 19, 2024, through April 18, 2024, for the following:

1. An agreement that covers non-lead hazard reduction activities implemented with funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.
2. An agreement that covers lead hazard reduction activities implemented with funds from the Lead Hazard Control Program and the Lead Hazard Reduction

Demonstration Program, and emergency lead hazard reduction activities funded with CDBG and HOME funds.

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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution setting the date for a public hearing to obtain public comment on the effect of activities funded through certain federal programs on the character of historic properties.

RESOLVED:

1. That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, to obtain public comment on the effect of activities on the character of historic properties implemented with funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grants, Lead Hazard Control Program, and the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program; and

2. That the Programmatic Agreements between the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer and the City of Grand Rapids be available for review from March 19, 2024, through April 18, 2024, at www.grcd.info; and

3. That the City Clerk is directed to publish notice of said public hearing.

CORRECT IN FORM

CITY ATTORNEY