

Item Number: 3



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: December 17, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Tim Burkman, City Engineer
Engineering

SUBJECT: **Resolution accepting a grant award of \$1,000,000 from the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity for the Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW Project**

The State of Michigan has awarded the City of Grand Rapids one million dollars to build a facility to house City operations at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW, including the administration of election activities. Activities include, but are not limited to, secure storage, operations, processing and training. No local match is required.

These funds will support the replacement of the City Clerk's space at 201 Market Avenue, which was sold to make way for the amphitheater project. The grant will contribute to demolition, renovation, and/or new construction costs associated with the project, such as the Clerk's office and storage area, conference space, restrooms, atrium, loading dock, and parking.

This is the second State of Michigan grant for election activities in Grand Rapids. The first, under Public Act 321 of 2023, was issued by the Michigan Department of Treasury and was accepted by the City Commission on July 16, 2024 (Proceeding No. 93670). This second award, under Public Act 121 of 2024, Article 9, Section 1050c, was issued by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The attached resolution provides for the approval of the grant agreement with LEO.

cc: Molly Clarin
Joel Hondorp
Kristin Pfauth
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Kim Dixon

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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution accepting a grant award of \$1,000,000 from the State of Michigan for the Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW Project.

WHEREAS:

1. The State of Michigan, under Public Act 121 of 2024, Article 9, Section 1050c, provided grant funding for facilities that support the administration of election activities including, but not limited to, the storage of election equipment, secure spaces for tabulation or processing of ballots, and the training of election workers; and
2. The City of Grand Rapids is developing new facilities for the City Clerk at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW which meet the purpose of the funding; and
3. The City of Grand Rapids meets the eligibility requirements and applied for funding; and
4. The State of Michigan has awarded the grant to the City of Grand Rapids; and
5. No local match is required; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes acceptance of a grant award (grant number GRELECTIONCENTER25) in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Construction of City Facilities at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW (project number 17045); and
2. That the City Engineer is designated as the Authorized Representative for purposes of the grant agreement and related documents; and
3. That a grant agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity be approved, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement and related documents upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW