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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** December 17, 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 approving amendment to programmatic agreement  
with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer**

Attached is a resolution authorizing an amendment to a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the City and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The PA facilitates compliance with the City's Section 106 responsibilities for programs and activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The existing PA expires December 31, 2024, and the term would be extended until December 31, 2029.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into consideration the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. HUD has delegated responsibility to local agencies and non-profit organizations to act on their behalf as the responsible federal agency in the Section 106 process. The NHPA allows for the execution of programmatic agreements establishing the means by which federally-funded programs will comply via an alternate process.

Since the City employs staff meeting the Secretary of the Interior's *Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards*, many projects that required consultation with the SHPO may be reviewed locally. Stipulations outlined in the PA allow greater local control and significantly reduce the time required for review of individual projects. The PA covers the following programs and activities.

Programs	Activities
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	Property acquisition
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	Residential and commercial rehabilitation
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	Demolition, new construction and additions
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)	Public improvements/ Handicapped accessibility
Special Purpose Grants	Relocation of historic properties



The local Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is a concurring party to the PA. The HPC Chairperson signed the amendment on December 4, 2024.

Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends adoption of the following resolution approving an Amendment to a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the City and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to facilitate compliance with the City's Section 106 responsibilities for programs and activities funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHEREAS:

1. On December 12, 2017 (Proceeding No. 87251), the City Commission approved a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the City and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for compliance with 36 CFR Part 800; and
2. The Programmatic Agreement is effective through December 31, 2024; and
3. It is desirable to approve an Amendment to the Programmatic Agreement to extend its term to December 31, 2029.

RESOLVED:

1. That the aforementioned Amendment between the City of Grand Rapids and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer be approved and that, upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Amendment on behalf of the City.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW