

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-77

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ENGINEER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2020, AND AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 714.02 of the Cuyahoga County Code, there is created the Cuyahoga County Community Supplemental Block Grant program to be administered in conjunction with and using the same grant process as the County Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant (“CDSG”) program shall be administered by the Cuyahoga County Executive through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, the CDSG program shall be funded through the County Casino Revenue Fund as established in Chapter 709 of the County Code. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds transferred into the Casino Revenue Fund annually shall be used to fund projects approved through the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program; and

WHEREAS, CDSG funds are available to eligible municipal corporations to fund projects meeting a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community, which projects include: a) community master plans; b) housing and commercial demolition; c) infrastructure; d) public safety; e) streetscapes; f) parks and playgrounds; or g) community and senior centers; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood is a municipal corporation eligible to receive CDSG funding for an eligible activity through the Municipal Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Engineer have advised Council that CDSG funds may be available through the 2020 Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program in an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), to fund the Oakwood Commons Multipurpose Trail Project

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Engineer are hereby authorized and directed to make application, sign and file all necessary contracts and documents with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for CDSG funding through the 2020 Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program for the following project:

Oakwood Commons Multipurpose Trail Project

SECTION 2. The Mayor be and he is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance and further upon the recommendations of the Village Engineer, and approved as to form by the Village Law Director, in accordance with all authority granted to and limitations upon the Village Director of Finance.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to the daily operation of a municipal department, therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

December 10, 2019
Debra L. Hladky
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A. Warren
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the
Mayor December 11, 2019

Approved: December 12, 2019

Gary V. Gottschalk
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2019-77 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 10 day of December, 2019.

Debra L. Hladky
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2019-77 was duly posted on the 12 day of December, 2019, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than five (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Debra L. Hladky
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

DATED: December 12, 2019



Mr. Edward Hren
Oakwood Village Engineer
Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd.
22999 Forbes Road, Suite B
Oakwood, OH 44146

December 2, 2019

Re: Oakwood Village 2020 CDBG Application

Dear Mr. Hren,

Per your request, I am presenting this letter of support for your Block Grant application to fund the Oakwood Village Hall ADA accessibility improvements. I have been advocating such improvements for many years now, as I've watched residents struggle to get into the Village Hall. There have been several complaints filed with the Village on this matter over the years and my understanding is that there was a recent legal matter pertaining to the entranceway which the Law Director may be able to provide additional information about.

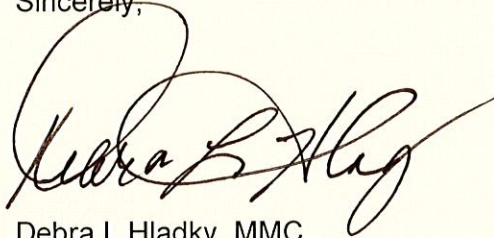
The problem with the existing entrance is that it has two steps/landings that lead to a set of manually operated double doors that open outward. The threshold at the entrance door is also quite a hazard and can almost be considered a third step as it is 4-6 inches high. The left side of the existing steps/landings was, at some point, retrofitted with a ramp that leads to the left entrance of the double doors. The ramp is relatively steep and does not include a landing area. It is almost impossible for elderly or physically challenged individuals to successfully navigate this ramp to enter the building. The layout of the outward opening door makes it absolutely impossible for wheelchairs or mobility scooters to use the ramp as an access to the Village Hall. The fact of the matter is, anyone who wants to use the ramp can only do so if another individual is available to open the left side door for them as they roll up the ramp.

The existing setup presents a real obstacle for the elderly and physically challenged citizens of Oakwood. This entrance is the only public entrance to the Oakwood Village Hall which contains the Council Chambers and various administrative offices including the Mayor's office, Police Chief's Office, Council Clerk's office and Finance Director's office. The Council Chambers accommodates all of the Village Council meetings, Planning and Zoning meetings, Architectural Review Board meetings as well numerous other public meetings and community events. In addition to the Mayor's Court being held in the Council Chambers, the Clerk of Courts office, which handles all court documents and fines/costs is located just off the main entrance hall. Many of the public services that are made available to our residents are secured directly at the administrative office located at the Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

The current situation prohibits some of our most vulnerable residents from accessing the services offered by the Village. I reviewed the proposed conceptual plan for the renovation of the entrance to Village Hall when it was first proposed in 2016 and it appears that it would bring the entrance into full ADA compliance. The reconstruction of the existing entrance to the Village Hall will make it accessible to all Oakwood citizens and should be given the highest priority. You have the support of my office for this project and please let me know if you require any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Hladky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Debra L Hladky, MMC
Clerk of Council
HVYC Administrator