



RESOLUTION NO. 7254

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION(S) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DLCD) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ALBANY'S HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (HIP) AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, like many cities, Albany is experiencing challenges with housing affordability for all housing types, not just middle housing; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council has directed staff to consider actions to improve housing affordability in Albany in order to meet needs identified in the recently completed Housing Needs Analysis (HNA); and

WHEREAS, Albany received an \$85,000 grant from DLCD to develop the Housing Implementation Plan that ended on May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council adopted the Housing Implementation Plan (HIP) on June 14, 2023, by Ordinance 6017; and

WHEREAS, the HIP outlines numerous strategies the City can implement to remove barriers to the development of needed housing and several policies the City can consider to provide incentives to the development of needed housing; and

WHEREAS, DLCD has indicated that grant funds may also be available for considering implementing strategies identified in the HIP to address housing needs identified in an HNA; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to experience financial challenges; for instance, in the adopted FY 23-25 budget Community Development's contractual services budget was reduced from \$250,000 in FY 21-23 to roughly \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, successful grant application and receipt of grant funds would be of substantial community benefit and would ensure that these important community efforts are able to continue; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a grant application will require "local official support", and this resolution meets the requirement of such support; and

WHEREAS, separate Council action is required to enter into a formal grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that the council endorses the submittal of a grant application(s) to DLCD for HIP implementation and technical planning assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council endorses the use of budgeted funds otherwise intended for related efforts for any required City match; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city council authorizes the mayor to write a letter in support of the grant application on behalf of the City.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY 2023.

ATTEST:

Allison Lewis

City Clerk

[Signature]

Mayor

