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Agenda of June 4, 2018

Honorable Town Board
Town of Amherst
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Subject: Authorization to Amend 2018 Annual Action Plan

Honorable Members:

Federal entitlement allocations provided to the Town for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) were higher than expected. The Town will receive \$572,942 for CDBG and \$973,953 for the Amherst-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda HOME Consortium.

Because of these increases Community Development staff is recommending minor amendments to the 2018 Annual Action Plan's budget for CDBG and HOME Programming. The Town Board originally adopted the 2018 Annual Action Plan on February 5, 2018, based upon a conservative budget anticipating a 10% cut in funding.

Proposed CDBG amendments include an increase of \$2,000 each for housing counseling services provided by Buffalo Urban League and Belmont Housing Resources for WNY; a \$2,000 increase to the YWCA for services benefiting domestic violence victims; a \$6,000 increase in administration; a \$4,000 increase for fair housing assistance from Housing Opportunities Made Equal; a \$12,000 increase in planning activities for the development of a Neighborhood Housing Study; and a \$90,030 increase for the Homeowner Rehab Program. Williamsville's 7% share of CDBG funding will also increase, amounting to \$40,246 for the Village.

Proposed HOME amendments include a \$39,800 increase for administration; a \$30,000 increase for the Homeowner Rehab Program; and an \$89,401 increase for the Acquisition-Rehab-Resale Program.

A revised budget is attached for your review. A proposed resolution for approval of the minor budget amendments is also attached. We are requesting that the Board take this action at its meeting on Monday June 4, 2018. All citizen participation requirements have been fulfilled. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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