

RESOLUTION NO. _____
April 29, 2024

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO ROUND 8 OF
THE RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE FOR THE HUDSON HOUSING
AUTHORITY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Empire State Development (ESD) has released a Request for Funding Proposals for Round 8 of Restore NY Communities Initiative projects for which municipalities are eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson duly submitted an Intent to Apply form to ESD for support of the restoration and renovation of multiple properties in Hudson collectively managed by the Hudson Housing Authority (“HHA”), henceforth referred to as the “Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project”; and

WHEREAS, ESD invited the City of Hudson to proceed with preparation of an application for the aforementioned proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project as presented by HHA aligns with the City of Hudson’s Comprehensive Plan, Diversity Through Balance, in the following areas:

Goal 1: Protect the Traditional Character of Hudson’s Downtown & Neighborhoods

- “Maintaining and strengthening the City’s unique character while providing an equally critical complement of pedestrian-accessible open space.” (24)
- “Promoting high standards of design and construction for both public and private facilities.” (24)
- “Emphasizing the importance of economic development that meets existing environmental standards.” (24), and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project aligns with Goal 3 of the City of Hudson’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative Plan, “Livable Communities,” specifically with strategies 6, 7, and 9:

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6. Increase the supply of quality rental housing available to residents at all income levels.
 7. Create support network for lower-income residents by increasing access to supporting opportunities and information.
 9. Incorporate sustainable green building methods,” and

WHEREAS, the total anticipated cost of the first phase of the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project is estimated at \$110 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is requesting \$2,000,000 in funding assistance from the Restore NY Communities Initiatives Program to support for the demolition of Bliss Towers; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Housing Authority will collaborate with the Mayor’s office to prepare the required application and make publicly available its contents and supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, neither the City of Hudson nor the Hudson Housing Authority currently have the funding to pay for the full rehabilitation costs for the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project, and it is necessary to obtain New York State funding assistance for the rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to conduct and hold a public hearing pursuant to ESD guidelines to obtain the views of the citizens on community development needs, to establish priorities, and subsequently develop the application, programs, and any amendments or revisions thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Housing Authority agrees to hold future public meetings concerning the design of this project and will remain in communication with the Common Council by appearing regularly with updates at Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hudson Common Council hereby supports the Hudson Housing Authority’s funding proposal to the Restore NY Communities Initiative upon finding the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project in sufficient alignment with Hudson’s Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Revitalization Initiative Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor or appointed designee to submit an application for funding under Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative to support the Hudson Housing Authority Redevelopment Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby calls for a Public Hearing on the aforementioned application to be held at 6 pm on Thursday, May 16, 2024 in the City Hall Common Council Chambers, 520 Warren Street, and directs and authorizes the City Clerk to publish a related Notice of Public Hearing.

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved: _____
Kamal Johnson, Mayor