

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development

### Interoffice Memo

**TO:** J. William Reynolds, City Council President

**FROM:** Justin R. Poremba, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development

**RE:** City of Bethlehem Support Resolution for Community Investment Partnership Program Grants through Northampton County

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Attached is a resolution of city support for a grant application to Northampton County through the Community Investment Partnership Program, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley and Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley are requesting funds from NCDCED in the amount of \$10,000 to hire a shared Neighborhood Builder position in the City of Bethlehem. Habitat Lehigh Valley (Habitat LV) and Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley (PNLV) share a common agenda of enhancing the quality of life in targeted neighborhoods in our community.

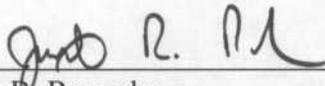
Northampton County is requiring Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) grant applicants to submit general municipal support resolutions for all projects applying for CIPP funding. The purpose of the support resolutions is to make the municipality and its governing body aware of the entities applying for funds through the CIPP and to ensure there is general support for the project by the municipality. The municipality is not authorizing or directing the 3rd party organization to file a CIPP application. Finally, the municipality has no financial liability for the 3<sup>rd</sup> party application. (Please see attached memo from Mark Hartney, Community and Economic Development Administrator for Northampton County).

Please place this resolution on the August 18, 2015 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

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**CC:** Mayor Donchez  
City Council members  
Atty. Spirk  
Alicia Karner

**DATE:** August 12, 2015

  
Justin R. Poremba  
Deputy Director, Community and Economic  
Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_

City of Bethlehem Support Resolution

Resolution of the City of Bethlehem in support of the filing of a proposal for funds with the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (NCD CED):

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley and Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley are requesting funds from NCD CED in the amount of \$10,000 to hire a shared Neighborhood Builder position in the City of Bethlehem. Habitat Lehigh Valley (Habitat LV) and Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley (PNLV) share a common agenda of enhancing the quality of life in targeted neighborhoods in our community. In taking a Collective Impact approach to community development, both organizations are making a commitment to complement and concentrate resources in the City of Bethlehem. The incumbent will lead the development, implementation, management, coordination, assessment and ongoing administration of services provided by the partners to children and families in the Bethlehem Promise Neighborhood. The position will serve the community by facilitating a platform to practice Collective Impact by developing a shared agenda, practicing continuous communication, creating shared measurement, and coordinating mutually reinforcing activities;

WHEREAS, the partnership between the two organizations will bring together individual areas of expertise to the process, with each organization doing its part to help revitalize the neighborhood. The Promise Neighborhood model is a place-based, comprehensive approach to transforming neighborhoods where children and families live. The model is focused on 9 specific promises, from “cradle to career” and residents are engaged and co-create community level solutions on key issues regarding education, employment, safety and crime, housing, and more. Habitat Lehigh Valley’s Neighborhood Revitalization program is committed to the revitalization and stabilization of neighborhoods, offering affordable housing solutions through new construction, rehabilitation of blighted properties and exterior preservation repairs. Habitat LV fulfills one of PNLV’s nine promises of ensuring “Students feel safe and live in stable communities” with these services;

WHEREAS, as a condition to issuance of the grant funds to the grantee, the NCD CED requires a resolution by the local governing body supporting the proposed project and grant application;

WHEREAS, and in reliance thereupon, the County of Northampton, through its Community and Economic Development Administrator, has represented to the City that the City assumes no financial liability for the 3<sup>rd</sup> party application for Community Investment Partnership Program grant funds and the use thereof by a grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the City of Bethlehem is supportive of the proposed project and application for NCD CED funds.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



Mark Hartney  
Administrator

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Justin Porembo, Deputy Director, City of Bethlehem DCED

FROM: Mark Hartney

DATE: 8/11/2015

CC:

RE: CIPP Municipal Support Resolutions

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