CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memorandum

Date: Oct. 30, 2023

To: Michael G. Colon, President of City Council

From: Laura Collins, Director of Community and Economic Development

Choice Neighborhoods 2023 Grant

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to the City of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Housing Authority.

To receive the grant award, HUD requires Bethlehem City Council to pass a resolution authorizing Mayor J. William Reynolds to execute the contract agreement and Form HUD- 1044.

We respectfully ask for council to support this resolution at its Nov. 8, 2023 regular meeting.

Laura Collins

Director of the Department of Community and

Economic Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-____

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem ("Lead Grantee") and the Bethlehem Housing Authority ("Co-Grantee), together, the "Grantee," were jointly awarded a 2023 Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant of \$500,000 ("Grant") from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop a neighborhood transformation plan for the Stefko/Pembroke neighborhood.

WHEREAS, as a condition of the FY 2023 HUD Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant, the Bethlehem City Council must authorize the Mayor to execute the required grant agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that

- 1. Mayor J. William Reynolds and Bethlehem Housing Authority Executive Director John Ritter, are hereby designated, jointly and/or individually, as applicable, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Bethlehem, the Bethlehem Housing Authority, and HUD that are necessary for Grantee to execute the Grant agreement and receive and utilize the Grant funds.
- 2. Mayor J. William Reynolds, is hereby authorized to execute Form HUD-1044 on behalf of Lead Grantee and/or Grantee, as applicable, and any other forms, certifications, assurances, or other documents as may be required by HUD from time to time.

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ADOPTED by Council this	day of	2023.	
ATTEST:		President of Council	
City Clerk			