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Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization for the City of Newton to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as required each year.

The Annual Action Plan which is currently in draft form describes the anticipated uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds by the City and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds by the thirteen member WestMetro HOME Consortium of which the City of Newton is a member (and the lead administrator).

The recommendations in this Plan are based on a five-year strategy captured in the FY21-FY25 Consolidated Plan, which is the result of data analysis and resident-driven planning processes.

The Plan presents the FY23 (FFY22) allocation of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 which may total approximately \$3.6 million. The CDBG funds will support affordable housing (production, preservation, support for homeowners, and rehabilitation), human services (enrichment and care for vulnerable youth, stability and self-sufficiency for vulnerable adults, and promoting economic security and vitality for older adults), and architectural access (accessible pedestrian crossings). The HOME funds will support tenant based rental assistance and rehabilitation & production of affordable units. The ESG grants will support emergency shelter services, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing.

On Monday, May 2, 2022 the Planning and Development Board will hold a public hearing in consideration of the FY23 Annual Action Plan. The comment period will begin that same day. The draft Annual Action Plan will be published on the City website Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Once the comment period ends on May 31, 2021, the Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the Executive Office for final approval and submittal to HUD.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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