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Amesbury City Council Resolution to support the following steps by the City of Amesbury as outlined below:

Summary: A Resolution to support the following:

- The development of an application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by the City of Amesbury. CDBG funds are available through competitive grants to municipalities for affordable housing projects, social services, economic development, and public facilities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The FY 2019 grant round will involve an application seeking an amount not more than \$800,000 for City of Amesbury programs. The program will continue the success of the Housing Rehabilitation program, ADA improvements to facilitate access to the City Hall Auditorium, and Social Services targeting low and moderate income households in a manner consistent with prior CDBG programs.

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, considers this matter as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is proud to be one of the few communities in the State that has a housing stock which contains more than 10% units defined as affordable by the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the resurgence of economic development for the City is beneficial to the community, the result can be an increase in property values which creates pressure on low and moderate income populations to sustain housing within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, low and moderate income residents within Amesbury face an aging housing stock and require the assistance, such as CDBG, to sustain a viable and safe home through programs such as Housing Rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, social services provide opportunities for low and moderate income residents of Amesbury who face the challenge of limited resources that CDBG can address; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amesbury has worked with neighboring communities on regional programs for FY 2015, and FY 2016 the City now finds that an individual application will greatly benefit the specific and unique needs of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Amesbury through their Planning Board has appointed a CDBG Planning Advisory Committee which has developed recommendations for the CDBG program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it Resolved that the City Council does hereby respectfully concur with the Mayor and recommends to support the development of a FY 2019 CDBG City of Amesbury application for the purpose of seeking funds for Housing Rehabilitation, ADA improvements, and Social Services. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit such grant in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, and also authorizes, through the Mayor, other City officials to sign certifications as required.

Witness my hand and seal for the City of Amesbury this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2019

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Christine Dixon, City Clerk

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C. Kenneth Gray, Mayor

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Date