



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: CIP #650 – Penacook Branch Library and Community Center
NHCDFA Community Center Investment Program – Authorization to Apply

Recommendation:

1. Accept this report; and,
2. Approve the attached consent resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$1,000,000 of New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA) Community Center Investment Program (CCIP) grant funds to support development of the new Penacook Branch Library and Community Center (CIP #650) at 76 Community Drive.

Background:

On December 21, 2022, the Governor and Executive Council approved a \$20 million grant program known as the Community Center Investment Program through the use of federal funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The CCIP will be a special, one-time program administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (hereafter NHCDFA).

The CCIP allows for municipalities and non-profit organizations with an eligible community center project to apply for funds to support renovation, repair, and development of such facilities.

The maximum award is capped at \$1,000,000. A 15% match is required, and all matching funds must be secured at the time of application.

The CCIP grant round opens on March 24, 2023. Applications are due no later than April 21, 2023. Awards notifications are expected to be made in late May 2023.

Discussion:

On December 12, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution #9518 which 1) authorized the City Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Central New Hampshire to acquire a portion of a new facility to be developed at 76 Community Drive for the purposes of a establishing a new 1,471+/- SF Penacook Branch Library and

Community Center and 2) appropriated the sum of \$1,300,000 to complete said acquisition. The project is included within the City's Capital Improvement Program as CIP #650.

The Purchase and Sale Agreement was executed on January 13, 2023. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2023. The project will be completed in spring / summer 2024.

The new facility is being developed via a unique public / private partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Central New Hampshire. Specifically, the new facility will be developed by the Boys and Girls Club. Prior to completion, the facility will be subdivided into two condominium units. The City will acquire the one of the units for the purpose of establishing the new library and community center. The City's unit will be fully completed and ready for occupancy at time of closing. The remaining unit will be retained by the Boys and Girls Club and operated as childcare facility with after school programs.

NHCDFR Community Center Investment Program (hereafter CCIP) grant funds would only be used to support the City's portion of the new facility.

City Administration recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for CCIP funds to support CIP #650. Applying for these funds to support the project would advance City Council Priorities #1d (Grant Funding Opportunities) and #4a (Library & Recreational Programming), as adopted on February 7, 2022.

If successful, CCIP grants would become available in summer 2023. City Administration would seek City Council authorization to accept and appropriate grant funds at that time. Required matching funds would be provided from the \$1.3 million previously appropriated by Resolution #9518 for this project.