



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 8, 2017

New Bedford City Council President Joseph P. Lopes and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members:


Attached please find a copy of the *Final Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development Action Plan*, which sets forth activities to be funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for the period **July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018**.

I am requesting that you approve and authorize the submission of the *Fiscal Year 2017 Action Plan* to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

No substantive changes have been made to the Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Action Plan which was made available to the public for review on March 27, 2017, for the mandatory 30-Day Public Comment Review Period which expired on April 26, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the contents of the plan, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick J. Sullivan, Director of the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development (DPHCD) at (508) 979-1505.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,


Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor
Attachment

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR
FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, The City of New Bedford desires to continue its participation in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) activities under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), as amended, and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) activities under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing of 1990, as amended, and;

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development, McKinney-Vento and National Affordable Housing Acts, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, require a Resolution of the local Governing Body authorizing the Mayor to apply for and execute the federal entitlement grant as a condition of eligibility for Federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of New Bedford must be authorized to submit information to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal financial assistance under said Acts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Bedford City Council, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford is authorized to do all things necessary, and to execute any and all documents required for the timely application for Federal financial assistance required for the amended, and to provide any and all necessary documents which are required for the acceptance and use of CDBG, ESG and HOME funds.

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford, as Chief Executive Officer, is authorized and designated as an official representative for the City of New Bedford to act in all matters arising in connection with the application for funds, and in providing the United States of America or any of its subdivisions with any additional information as may be required.

SECTION 3. The Mayor of the City of New Bedford is authorized to assume the status of a responsible Federal Official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as the provisions of that Act apply to Community Development Block Grants administered by the City of New Bedford, and receipt of Federal financial assistance from the United States of America under the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, and the City of New Bedford hereby accepts the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts for the purpose of enforcement of the Mayor's responsibilities as such a responsible Federal Official under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

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