

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-61

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR A BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITYWIDE ASSESSMENT GRANT (BROWNFIELD GRANT) IN AN AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE AND PETROLEUM CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE WEST SIDE.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body for the City of Laramie authorized pursuit of this award through its passage of Resolution 2016-82 and, now through Resolution 2017-61, authorizes acceptance of the grant award;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Laramie understands the purpose of this program is to "empower communities and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields"; and

WHEREAS recognizing the high concentration of known and potential brownfield sites in tandem with a former superfund site in the area, the West Side is a priority location for this project; and

WHEREAS this project supports council-adopted goals and several community development plans; and

WHEREAS, the total award is \$300,000 or 95.09% of project costs, and the city will contribute an estimated \$15,500 in staff time over a three-year period to support this project;

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used hire a consulting firm to work alongside staff and stakeholders to identify and prioritize brownfield sites, conduct assessments of those sites, develop plans for remediation, and to conduct community outreach to keep citizens informed of project progress and to encourage public participation; and

WHEREAS as noted within Resolution 2016-82 authorizing the submittal of the grant application, the City will ensure that a West Side League of Neighbors representative serves on the consultant selection committee and any other committee relevant to the formation of this plan.

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

- Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.
- Section 2.** The City of Laramie, accepts the Brownfield Grant award in the amount of \$300,000 for consideration of assistance in funding the assessments throughout the West Side.
- Section 3.** The city will contribute an estimated \$15,500 in staff time over a three-year period to support this project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th Day of October, 2017.

ATTEST


CITY CLERK


MAYOR