

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1495**

**WHEREAS**, the CITY OF BETHLEHEM, is a municipal corporation being a City of the Third-Class, subject to the Optional Third-Class City Charter Law, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its constituent parts being split by law between Northampton County and Lehigh County, Pennsylvania with principal administrative offices at City Hall, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (hereinafter referred to as “CITY”); and

**WHEREAS**, the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, is a municipal authority organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with principal administrative offices at City Hall, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 (hereinafter referred to as the “RDA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA was created pursuant to Resolution 4624 enacted on January 13, 1953 by the City Council of the City of Bethlehem to exercise powers authorized by the Urban Redevelopment Law. 35 PS §2701 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA has completed many projects since its creation and continues to own and maintain certain improvements and performed certain actions authorized under the Urban Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA is entering a phase under which its projects and resources are more limited in scope, but its value remains important; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and RDA recognize that a partnership between them is mutually valuable for the purpose of ensuring continuity in staffing and maintaining RDA operations with respect to the subjects and operations hereinafter identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to provide continued executive leadership to the RDA following the retirement of former Executive Director, Tony Hanna.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Alicia Miller Karner, currently serving as the Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development for the City will act as Executive Director for the RDA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ms. Karner will serve for no additional compensation and without benefits until such time as she no longer serves as Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development or other arrangements are made by the RDA or the City.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1496**

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem (RDA) approved an extension of the original consulting agreement, dated March 25, 2021 on December 8, 2021, extending the agreement until February 28, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of both the original agreement is appended as Exhibit A and the extension agreement as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA desires to extend the consulting agreement again, until December 31, 2022, on the same terms and conditions, except for the continued service of Tony Hanna (Consultant) as Executive Director of the RDA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RDA and Consultant agree to extend the consulting agreement as originally written, with modifications, for an additional 10 months, until December 31, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem, same to be attested to by the Secretary.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1497**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 1218 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA has sustained significant structural damage due to a deterioration of the property's north wall; and

**WHEREAS**, the wall deteriorated to such an extent that the property has become a safety hazard and declared unfit for occupancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is currently vacant and the wall requires extensive reconstruction to restore it to a safe condition; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency situation exists and to prevent possible collapse of the structure, stabilization work on the wall is required, now; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem (RDA) has been requested by the City of Bethlehem (City) to help remedy the situation utilizing blight remediation funding, provided to the RDA by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA solicited proposals from contractors for the emergency work based on specifications prepared by Base Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA received a proposal from Coopersburg Construction Corporation, attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA agrees to enter into an agreement with Coopersburg Construction Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA has been granted permission to do the work via agreement between the property owner and the RDA.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the RDA that the proposal from Coopersburg Construction is accepted and the work as detailed is authorized to proceed.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1498**

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem (“the RDA”) is the recipient of Blight Remediation Program grant funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Commonwealth Financing Authority, with the RDA acting in the capacity of Grantee in receipt of these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA acquired a blight certified property, located at 723 Broadway, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (“Property”), through eminent domain with funds paid into court on January 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the RDA included renovations to the Property as a project site to utilize the Blight Remediation Program grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. (“CACLV”) submitted a proposal to the RDA and City of Bethlehem on May 13, 2021 to renovate the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, CACLV possesses the qualifications to renovate the Property;

**WHEREAS**, the RDA wishes to engage CACLV to renovate the Property by utilizing a portion of the Blight Remediation Program grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation of Blight Remediation Program grant funds towards the renovation of this Property is detailed in a Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) by and between CACLV.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- A. The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem accepts the proposal from Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. to renovate 723 Broadway, Bethlehem.
- B. The Redevelopment Authority agrees to allocate a portion of Blight Remediation Program grant funds to support the renovation construction costs associated with this Property.
- C. The form and content of the Cooperation Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and Community Action Committee is satisfactory and is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem is authorized to execute the Cooperation Agreement subject to the following: (1) approval by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (2) approval and execution by Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., and (3) approval of any modifications in terms or language by the Solicitor and the Executive Director of the RDA. Said agreement to be attested by Secretary.