

## Resolution 2020-24

### **A Resolution Approving the City of New Castle Home Repair Assistance Program, Funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common.**

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of the New Castle Common have appropriated \$40,000 for the purpose of creating a Home Repair Assistance Program to be managed by the City of New Castle; and

**WHEREAS**, this amount has been allocated for use until March 31, 2021, the end of the Trust's fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that creating such a Home Repair Assistance Program will be beneficial to the residents of the City of New Castle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees require that the Home Repair Assistance Program be implemented with the following conditions and limitations:

- 1) Qualified properties must be owner occupied;
- 2) At least one owner must be 65 years of age or older or permanently disabled;
- 3) Income limits: No more than \$15,000/year gross for a single owner or \$30,000/year gross for a married couple, excluding Social Security Income;
- 4) Funding shall be limited to roof and sidewalk repairs/replacements only;
- 5) Maximum funding amount shall be \$2,500 per property;
- 6) Property owners will execute a deferred payment agreement and mortgage on the property, calling for repayment of funds to the City when property is sold or title is otherwise transferred, e.g. by inheritance, foreclosure, transfer to trust, etc...;
- 7) City taxes must be current at time of application approval;
- 8) All work shall be completed by a City licensed contractor engaged by the owner;
- 9) Project must be approved by the City prior to the start of any work;
- 10) Work to be inspected and approved by City Building Official prior to release of funds from the Trust; and
- 11) Execution of reasonable and appropriate documentation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of The City of New Castle establishes a Home Repair Assistance Program (the "HRAP") for the benefit of qualified residents of the City of New Castle, funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common and consistent with the conditions and limitations listed above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administrator is directed to implement and manage the HRAP, and to take reasonable steps to make the public aware of the HRAP program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administrator provide periodic reports to Council on the status of the program.

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**PASSED** this 8th day of September, 2020

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

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Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

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Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

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Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

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Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk