



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Historic Preservation Commission

DATE: March 17, 2021

SUBJECT:

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with John Karm for 14 S. May Street (John Karm - 21-0201 /AU21/2-12.057-HP/GR - JM - Ward 4)

PURPOSE:

Exhibit "A" is a resolution authorizing the execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with John Karm for the property at 14 S. May Street. Pursuant to the Agreement John Karm will receive up to \$17,500.00 toward the restoration of the porch, including historically correct posts, trim elements, stairs, hand railing, balusters, ceiling and tongue and groove decking.

BACKGROUND:

The property is within the Westside National Register Historic District and is a Local Landmark. The building is an owner-occupied one unit. The building was built c. 1902 in the Queen Anne style..

DISCUSSION:

Staff has reviewed the grant application and have determined that it meets the applicable codes and ordinances. The proposal is consistent with the City of Aurora Historic Districts and Landmarks Guidelines.

On March 11, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the 30 applications submitted for the 2021 Historic Preservation Grant Program. The application process was highly competitive with many worthwhile projects. Based upon the available funding, the Historic Preservation Commission ranked nine applications as being the most deserving for funding and recommends those applications for approval by City Council. Approval is contingent upon Aurora's legal council's review of the Grant Agreement.

In order to receive the first \$10,000 of the grant, the applicant must comply with all guidelines. In order to receive the next \$6,500 of the grant the applicant must match this amount with their own funding of an additional \$6,500, making the total project value \$23,000. The final \$1,000 of the grant is a grant based on the guidelines that allow for additional funding for the use of local contractors.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES:

The Staff's Evaluation and Recommendation are based on the City of Aurora Historic Districts and Landmarks Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Historic Preservation Commission recommended APPROVAL of A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with John Karm for 14 S. May Street.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit "A" Historic Preservation Grant Agreement
Grant Application

cc:

Alderman Michael Saville, Chairperson
Alderman Sherman Jenkins, Vice Chairperson
Alderman Carl Franco, Member
Alderman Robert J. O'Connor, Member
Alderman Juany Garza, Member



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, by petition dated February 22, 2021, John Karm filed with the City of Aurora a request for a Preservation Grant for certain property within the City of Aurora and the Westside National Register Historic District and Local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed said request and recommended that the City enter into a Preservation Grant Agreement pursuant to said request; and

WHEREAS, for reasons set forth in the Preservation Grant Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", the City and John Karm wish to enter into said attached Agreement for restoration work at 14 S. May Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Budget contains sufficient funds, in excess of the amount of \$17,500.00 for this

Agreement in Account Number 101-1840-463.50-43 GRANT/PROPERTY REHAB OTHER SC-SPECIAL PROGRAMS in order to provide all necessary funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, the Building, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee of the Aurora City Council reviewed said petition and the before mentioned recommendations and recommended APPROVAL of said petition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, finds as facts all of the preamble recitals of this Resolution and hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Preservation Grant Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".